

An acte for the confirmatyon of Letters  
Patentes.



Wherby then the .viii. daye of  
Iulye in the first yere of the Quenes  
Majesties reygne byders and londre  
Honors castles Manours, Landes,  
Tenementes, Rentes, Reuercions, ser-  
uices, and other hereditamentes, have  
bene conveyed and assured to her high-  
nes, her heires and Successours by  
or from divers and londre persons, &  
bodies politike, as wel for the discharg  
and satisfaction of greate debtes, and  
summes of monye, as for other good

considerations. For the perspyte assuraunce confirmation and further  
suretye whereof.

Be it enacted or dyed and established by the kyng and Quenes  
Majesties, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the commons  
in thys present Parliament assembled, and by chauctoritie of same.  
That all feoffamentes, fines, Surrenders, assuraunces, conveyan-  
ces and estates in any wise conveyed had or made, to or for our sayd So-  
ueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kyng and quenes Majesties, or to or  
for our sayd soveraygne Ladye the quene, by or from anye suche person  
or persons, bodies politike or corporate, of any such honors, Castles ma-  
nours, Landes, tenementes, rentes, Reuercions, Services, or other  
consideration, whatsoever, shall stande remayne & be good and unap-  
pleable in the lawe to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, accor-  
dyng to the true meaning, intente and purpose of the same.

Savinge to all and everye personne and personnes, and to their  
heires bodies politike and corporate, & to their Successours, and to  
every of them, (other then suche person or personnes, and their heires  
and wyves, and everye of them bodies politike and corporate, & their  
successours and every of them, of or from whom the kyng & quenes  
highnes, or the quenes byghnes onelye hath obteyned or purchased,  
the sayde premisses, or anye pte thereof, by exchange, gyfte, bar-  
gayne, fine, feoffament, recovery, dede, inrolled or other wyse) al such  
right title, interest, yle, possessio, rentes reuercions, Remainders, offi-  
ces, Fees, Commons, proprieties, and commodities, whatsoever which  
they or any of them have might or ought to have had of, in or to the pre-  
misses or any part thereof in as large and ample maner, forme and con-  
dition to al intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act had ne-  
ver bene had ne made. Thys present acte or any thing therein contey-  
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And

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ned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where aswell our sayd soueraygne lord, & Lady, as our said soueraigne lady the Quenes highnes, sithens the said. vii. dai of July in þ first yere of her maiesties reigne, aswell for diuers & gret sōms of mony, as also for diuers & sondry other cōsiderations, haue & hath bar gained, sold, giue or graunted by their or her graces sōdy letters patētis indentures, or other writings, sealed vnder þ gret seale of England, or the seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, aswell to bodys politike & corporate, as to diuers and sondry other their louing & obedient subiects, diuers and sondry honors, castels, manors, landes, tenements, rents, reuercions, seruyces, & other hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of yse, lyfes or yeaeres, as in the same seuerall letters patentes indentures, & other writings, is mentioned & declared. And to thintent the same letters patentes, indentures, & other writings, shold be of good auailable and perfit force & effect, to al and euery her highnes louing subiectes, accordyng to the true meaning & effect of the same.

Oure sayd Soueraygne Lord and Ladye the kyng and quene, are contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thautorty of thys present parlyament. And therfore by oure sayd Soueraygne lord & lady, the kyng and queenes maiesties, the lordes spirytual and temporal, and the comunons in this present parlyament assembled, be it enacted and established, that aswel al and singuler letters patentes, indentures and other writings Sealed vnder the greete Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, and heretofore made or graunted by our sayde soueraigne lord and lady, the kyng & Quene, or by our said soueraigne lady the Quene, for any summes of mony, or for and vpon anye other considerations, as all other letters patētis, hereafter to be made by our sayd soueraigne lord & ladye, for any summe or sūmes of mony during the space of Seven yeaeres next ensuyng the makinge of thys acte, to any body politike, or corporate, or to any other persō or personnes, whatsoeuer, of any honors, castels, manors, lordshippes, graunges, Meles, lādes, tenements, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuertions, seruices, woodes, aduousons, nominatiōs, patronages, annuities, ryghtes, interestes, entres, conditions, letes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchyses, or of any other hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, or of any parte or percell of the sealed with or vnder the great seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, of whatsoeuer kynde, nature, or qualytye they or any of the be or shalbe reputed knowen or take, w their appurtenaunces or any part or percell of the, shalbe good perfyte and effectual in þ lawe, and shal stand, be take, reputed, demed, & adiudged good perfit sure auayleable & effectual in the law, aswel agaynst the king & Quenes Maiesties, as agaynst the quene her heires and successors accordyng to the tenor of the sayd letters patentes, the same to be expounded construed demed & adiudged most benefycial for the patētis and



and graunts of the same according unto the words & purport of euery the  
said letters patentes, without any confirmation, licence, or tolleracion of  
the quene, he theiſe or ſucceſſors, any miſnaming, miſtre et al, or noue re  
cital of any the ſame honours, caſtles, manors, lades, tenementes, or other  
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in ought to haue beene ſound before the making of the ſame letters patentes  
or other writings, or any miſtre et al, or noue recital of leſes theſe of before  
made, as wel of record as not of record, or any lacke of the certaintie, miſ  
calling, tating, or ſetting forth of the yearly values & rates of the premiss  
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tings, or for p p premisses be, or any part theſe of is valued to a more or leſſe  
value in p ſaid letters patentes or writings, the the ſaid manors, lands,  
tenementes, or other the premisses, then were or ſhalbe in yearelye value, or  
any miſnaming of theſe to townes, hamlets, parishes, or counties where the  
ſame honours, caſtles, manors, lades, tenementes, centres, hereditamentes, or  
other the premisses & euery percel theſe of, or any percel theſe of lien or ben,  
or any lacke of the true meaning of the lades, tenementes, or hereditame  
tes, or of the natures, kinds, ſortes, or quantities of the ſaid poſſeſſions or  
hereditamentes or any percel theſe of, or any lacke of the true naminge of  
the corporation, or any lacke of attournement, leuery, or ſeaſon, or any miſ  
naming of any the late tenants or ſermoures of the ſame ſo ſold or ge  
nen, nor withſtanding.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctozitie aforeſaid p thys  
acte nor any thing therein contained ſhal not extend to make anye letters  
patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force or ſtrength the  
p ſame letters patentes were or ſhuld haue ben before p making of this acte.

Provided alwaies & be it enacted by thauctozitie aforeſaid, p all and  
ſingular ſuch patentees, grauntees, and donees, and euery of the, which  
at any time heretofore ſithens the ſaid ſeuenth day of July, haue obtained  
and gotten of our ſaid Soueraigne Loide and Lady the kyng & quene  
or of any of them, or at any time hereafter during the ſpace of ſeuene yerres  
ſhal obteyne and get of our ſayd Soueraigne lord & lady, the kyng and  
Quene that now be, or of any of the, by way of exchaung, or for any ſume  
or ſummes of mony, any letters patentes of any monasteries, abbaties,  
priors, nonneries, or other eccleſiaſticall poſſeſſions, or of any percell of  
them, or of any other manours, lades, tenementes or hereditaments what  
ſoeuer, which at the date and making of any the ſame letters patentes  
ſo made, ſithens the ſaid ſeuenth day of July, or hereafter to be made du  
ryng the ſpace of ſeuene yerres as is aforeſaid, were or ſhalbe of better and  
more yearely balewe to the kyng and quenes highnes or to any of them  
in yearly rent and ſerme, then was, is, or ſhalbe contained, mentioned or  
ſpecified in any ſuch letters patentes, or in the particulers or rate theſe of  
made or to be made by any auditour or auditours, ſerueiour or ſerueiours

or other officer, that then every such patentee, grauntee, and donee, their heires executors or assignes & every of the, within one yere nexte after office and other due profe, order and decree therof made and had, or to be made and had within the space and tyme of x. yeres next after this present parliament in the court of the chescheer, shall content and pay unto the quenes maiestie her heires and successours, for the same over plus a more value of the same monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunneries, manors, lades, tenements, and other hereditaments whatsoever, with their appurtenances, so sold, given, graunted, or exchanged as is also said, after the rate of twenty yeres purchase, and accordyng to the yearly value and rate as the same manors, lades, tenements, & other hereditaments whatsoever, were at the time of the making of any such letters patentees so made, or to be made in maner & forme aforesaid. Any thing contained in any such letters patentees to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it further enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that this act or any provision therein contained, shall not in any wise extend to confirm, ratify, or make good any lease or leases, made or to be made by our said Soueraigne lord and lady the king and quene, or by anye of the for terme of life, lives, or for yeres, whereupon the olde and accustomed rentes or more, be not, or hereafter shall not be reserved, and yearly payable during the time and terme of every such lease, nor that this presente acte shall in any wyse extend to revieve or make good any letters patentees made of any office or offices to anye comptroller, customer, alneger, searcher, ne to anye letters patentees of the graunte of any other office or offices heretofore graunted or made by s<sup>r</sup> king and Quenes maiestie, or any of them, which now be or at any time heretofore have ben annihilated, determined or made void by iudgment, by auctoritie of parliament, or by decree, nor to any patent to be made to any person or persons for terme of yeres, or during the minority of any heire of any manors, lades, or tenements, wherof any traaverse hereafter shall be tendred within thre monethes after any office found and certified into any of the kings courtes of record, ne to make good any letters patentees made by our said Soueraigne lord and lady or anye of them, of any office or offices to be of any other effect force or strength then the same letters patentees were or should have bene before the making of thys acte.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, & thys acte or any thinge therein contained, shall not extend to any letters patentees which at any time heretofore sithen the beginning of the Quenes maiesties reigne have ben made or hereafter shall be made by the kinge & quenes highnes, or by the quenes maiestie onelye, to any person or persons of any manours, lades, tenements, rents, reuercions, services, or other hereditaments, by force of any informatiō, suite, or suggestiō, made, or to be made to her highnes, that the same manours, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, so contained in any such letters patentees, were concealed lands, nor to any letters patentees heretofore made by our said Soueraigne lord and lady the king and Quenes maiesties, or any of them,

to Raule Jackson clerke, now master of the hospital of the sauer in the parish of Saint Clementes Dacolum, without the barres of the new temple London, and to his brethren, being perpetual Chaplains of the same hospital, and to their successors, but that the same letters patents and every of them, shall stand, remaine, and be in the same force, strength, and effect, as they were before the making of this act, any thing in this act mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And wher the manors of Southwell in the countie of Nottingham, is also the seite and prebiter of the colledge of Southwell in the same countie together, with diuers other landes, tenements, and hereditamentes to the sayd late colledge lately belonging or appertaining, were conueyed and assured by indenture, fine, or other wise, by or fro Thon Beamoit esquier, unto our late Moneraigne Lord King Edward the Sixt, and to his heires and successours, for the discharge and satisfaction of dyuers great summes of money, wher in the same Thon Beamoit was indebted to the said late king. Be it enacted and established by the authoritie aforesaid, that the said conueiaunce and assurance shalbe perfect, good, sufficient and auayleable against the said Beamoit & his heires, to all intetes, constructions and purposes, according to the purport, tenor, and true meaning of the same conueiaunces, and assurances. Saving to al & every person or persons, and bodie politike and corporate, their heires and successours and every of them, other then the said Thon Beamoit bys wife, and his heires, & al other claiming anye estate or interest by or from the or any of the lathens the same conueiaunce and assurance all such right, title, interest, possession, estate, leses, rents, seruices, comons, & al other profits and commodities whatsoever, as they or any of the shuld or might haue had if this acte had neuer ben had ne made. Any thing ther in contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte for the hauing of horse, armour, and weapon.

Chap. ii. Chapter.



FOR THE BETTER furniture and defence of this realme. Be it enacted by the king & quenes maiesties with thassents of the lordes spiritual & tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by authority of the same, that asmuch of al & every act & statute concernyng onely the keeping or finding of horse, hoxses, or armour, of any of them heretofore made or prouyded, and all and euerye forseypture, and penalty, concerning onely the same, shalbe fro henceforth utterly boyde repealed and of none effect. And be it further enacted by thauthortie aforesayd, that euery noble man, gentleman & other tepozal person, after the rate & proportion hereafter declared shal haue & kepe in a redynes such hoxses, geldings, armoz & other furniture for & wars, at the lest, & in such sort & manner as is & shalbe in this acte hereafter expessed & declared. That is to say, al and euery person tempozal, hauing anye honours, lordshippes, manours, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or wodes



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wodes of estate of inheritaunce or fehold, to the cleare yerely valu of one thousand pound or above, shal fro & after the first day of May, which shal be in the yere of our lord god a thousand. v. hundred fifty & eight, haue, finde kepe susteine & mainteine in this realme of Englad, of their owne proper & at their owne proper costes & expences. ii. horses, or geldinges, able for dimilaunces, wherof iii. of the at the lest to be horses with sufficient harnesses, stele sadels & wepon, requisite and appertaining to the said dimilaunces, horses or geldinges, and ten lighte horses or geldinges able and mete for light horsemen, with the furniture of harness and weapō requisite for the same. And also forty corseletes furnished, forty almayne ryuettes or in stede of the sayd almayne ryuettes, forty cotes of plate, corseletes or byrgandines furnished, forty pikes, xxx. long bowes, xxx. shefes of arrowes, xxx. stele cappes or sculles, xx. blake bills, or halberdes, xx. haquebuts, and xx. morians or salletes. And euery person temporal, hauing any honours, lordshippes, manors, houses, lands, meadowes, pastures or wodes, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the cleare yerely value of a thousand markes, or above, and vnder the cleare yerely value, of a thousand pounde, shal haue, finde, susteine and meinteine within this realme of their owne proper and at their owne proper costes & expences, foure horses or geldinges, able for dimilaunces wherof two at the lest to be horses, with sufficient harnesses, and weapon, and sadels mete and requisite to the said dimilaunces, horses or geldinges, and fyre lighte horses or geldinges able and mete for light horsemen, with furniture of harness, and weapon requisite for the same. And also of armoz and weapō. xxx. corseletes furnished, xxx. almayne ryuettes, or in stede of the sayd almayne ryuettes, xxx. cotes of plate, corseletes, or byrgandines furnished, xxx. pikes, twenty long bowes, xx. shefes of arrowes, xx. stele cappes or sculles, tenne blake bills or halbertes, ten haquebuts, and ten morians or salletes, And euery person temporal hauing honours, lordshippes, manors, houses, lands, meadowes pastures or wodes of any such estate as is aforesaide, to the cleare yearely value of foure hundred poundes or above, & vnder the cleare yerely value of a thousand markes shal haue, finde, kepe, susteine & meinteine as is aforesaid, two horses, or one horse and one geldinge able for dimilaunces, with sufficient furniture of harness, stele sadels and weapō for the same as is aforesayd, and foure geldinges able for light horsemen with sufficient harness and weapon for the same, and also. x. corseletes furnished, xx. almayne ryuettes furnished, or in stede of almayne ryuettes, twenty cotes of plate corseletes or byrgandines furnished, twenty pikes, fiftene long bowes, fyftene shefes of arrowes, fiftene stele cappes or sculles, sixe haquebuts, and sixe morians or salletes. And that euery perso temporal hauing lordshippes, manors, houses, lands, meadowes, pastures, or wodes, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the cleare yerely value of. CCC. poundes or above, and vnder the cleare yerely value of. CCC. poundes, shal fro the said firste day of May, haue kepe susteine & mainteine. i. grete horse or gelding, able for a dimilaunce, with sufficient furniture of harness, stele sadle, & wepō for

for the same, & two geldings, able for light horseme to harness & weapons sufficient, as is aforesayd, for the same, and also ten corseletes furnished, ten almaine rivettes, or in þ place of almaine rivettes. x. cotes of plate, corseletes or byrgandines furnished. x. pikes. viii. long bowes viii. shefes of arrowes. viii. stele cappes or scules, thre haquebutes, & thre morians or salletes. And every persō temporal hauyng any lordshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yerely value of .i. hundred pounds or above, & vnder the yerely value of .ii. hundred pounds shall from and after the sayd first day of May, haue, kepe, and maynteyne (as is aforesayd) two geldinges, able and mete for light horseme, with sufficient harness, and weapon requisit for the same. And also thre corseletes furnished, thre almaine rivettes, or in stede of them sod many cotes of plate, corseletes, or byrgandines furnished. iii. pikes. iii. longe bowes, thre shefes of arrowes, thre stele cappes or scules, two haquebutes, and two morians or salletes. And also every person temporal hauyng lordshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yearely value of a hundred markes or above, and vnder the yearely value of a hundred poundes, fro the said first day of May, shal haue, kepe, mainteyne and susteine one gelding able and mete for a light horsema, to the harness & weapō sufficient & requisit for the same, two corseletes furnished, two almaine rivettes, or in stede of þ same two cotes of plate, or byrgandines furnished, two pikes, two long bowes, two shefes of arrowes. ii. stele cappes or scules. i. haquebut. i. morian or salet. And also every person temporal, hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to þ yerely value of .xl. poundes or above, & vnder the yerely value of a hundred markes, shal fro & after þ said first day of May, haue mainteine & kepe. ii. corseletes furnished. ii. almaine rivettes, or in stede of the same. ii. cotes of plate, corseletes or byrgandines furnished, two pikes, one long bowe, on shefe of arrowes, one stele cap or scull. ii. haquebutes. ii. morians or salletes. And also every persō temporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woods of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yerely value of .xx. poundes or above, and vnder the yerely value of forty poundes, shal fro þ saide first day of May, haue, kepe, & maynteyne one corselet furnished, one pike. i. haquebut, one morian or salet, one long bowe, one shefe of arrowes, & one stele cap or scull. And also every persō temporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to þ clere yerely value of .x. poundes, or above, & vnder the yearely value of .xx. pound, shal fro & after the said day haue, kepe, & susteine one almaine rivette, cote of plate or byrgandine furnished, one haquebut. i. morian, or salet, & one long bowe, & one shefe of arrowes, one stele cap or scull. And also every persō temporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes, meadowes

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meadowes, pastures or woodes, of such estate as is aforesayde, to the cleere pery value of fyve poundes or above, & vnder the pery value of x. poundes, shall from and after the sayd first day of May, haue, kepe, & susteyne one cote of plate furnished, one blacke byll, or halbert, one long bowe, one shefe of arrowes, and one Steele cap, or scul. And also euery personne tempozal, haung goodes or cattels to the value of one thousande markes or above, shall from the sayde firste daye of Maye, haue fynde, kepe, susteyne, and maynteyne as is aforesayde, one horse, or geldyngre able for a deynplaunce, with sufficiente harnes, stele saddle, & weapon requisite and coqueniens for the same, and one geldyngre able and mete for a light hysleman, with harnes and weapon sufficient and requisite as is aforesayd for the same, or eightene corseletes furnished in the stede of the sayde horse, and geldyngre, and furniture, of the same at hys choysse. And also shall from the same day haue, fynde, kepe, and maynteyne of armoure and weapon, two corseletes furnished, two almaine rpuettes, or for the same almonrpuettes, two cottes of plate, two corseletes, or two bypgandynes furnished, two pykes, foure longe bowes, foure shefe of arrowes, foure Steele cappes or sculles, and thre haquebuttes, with thre morians, or salletes. And also euery person tempozall haungre goodes or cattels, to the values hereafter in thys present acte, specyfied and declared, shall from and after the sayd first day of Maye haue, fynde, kepe, susteyne and maynteyne such geldynges, armoure, weapon and furniture, for warre as is hereafter declared. That is to saye, haungre to the value of foure hundred poundes or above, and vnder the value of a thousande markes, one geldyngre able and mete for a light hysleman, with sufficiente harnes and weapon requysite, and mete for the same or x. corseletes, furnished at hys election, and also shall haue fynde, and kepe one other corselette furnished, one pike, two almaine rpuettes, or plate cotes or bypgandynes furnished, one haquebut, two longe bowes, two shefes of arrowes, and two stele cappes or sculles. And haungre in goodes and cattels, to the value of two hundred poundes or above, and vnder foure hundred, one corselette furnished, one pyke, two almaine rpuettes, plate cotes, or bypgandynes, furnished one haquebut, one murrian or salet, two longes bowes and two shefe of arrowes, and two scules or stele cappes. And haungre in goodes and cattels to the value of a hundred poundes or above, and vnder ii. hundred, one corselette furnished and one pyke, one payre of almaine rpuettes, one plate cote or payre of bypgandynes furnished, two longe bowes, and two shefes of arrowes, and two sculles. And haungre as is aforesayde, in goodes and cattels, to the value of fourtye poundes, or above, and vnder a hundred poundes, two payre of almonrpuettes, or two cotes of plate or bypgandynes furnished, one longe bowe and one shefe of arrowes, one stele cappe or scull, and one blacke byll, or halbert. And haungre as is aforesayde in goodes and cattelles to the value

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le toe of .xx. poundes for about; and bowes .xx. poundes, one papper of al-  
magne chiettes; one sheele of plate; or one papper of bygandynes, .xx.  
longe bowes, thid sheele of arches; two sheeles of Steele cappes; and  
one blacke byll or halbert. And haueinge as is aforesayd to the value of  
tenne poundes of shew; and vnder thowen poundes; one long bowe;  
one sheele of arrowes, with one Steele cappe of scul; and one blacke byll  
or halbert. And also that euery personne temporal, not beinge aboue  
charged by thys acte; hauinge or that hereafter shall haue any annuallie  
or annuallie; or yearly fee or fees for terme of life; or of any estate of in-  
heritance; or any copyholdes or copyholdes; for terme of life; or of any  
estate of inheritance; to the cleare yearly value of .xxx. poundes or  
aboue; shalbe charged and chargeable with such furniture of warre as  
is aforesayd; in euery degree, qualitie, and conditfon; according to the  
proportions and rates before expessed; limited; and appoynted for  
goodes and cattels.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery  
personne whych by vertue of the acte made in the parlyament holden  
at Weistminster in the .xxiii. yeare of the reigne of kynge Henry the  
eighth; was bounde (by reason that his trespasse shoulde beare such kind  
of apparel or other thing; as in the same statute is specially mentioned  
and declared) to kepe or fynde one great stoned trottinge horse; and is  
not by thys acte before charged; to haue; mainteyne; and kepe any horse  
or geldinge; shall from the sayde fyrst day of Maye; haue; kepe; and  
mainteyne one gelding; able and mete for a light horseman; with suf-  
ficient harnes and weapon for the same; in suche maner and forme as  
euery temporal personne hauinge lordshippes; houses; landes; mea-  
dowes; pastures or woodes of such estate as is aforesayd; of the cleare  
yearly value of one hundred markes; is charged or appoynted to find  
haue and mainteyne by this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde; that if any  
person chargeable by thys acte; as is aforesayde; shall by the space of  
any three whole monethes after the sayde fyrst day of Maye; lache or  
wante the sayde number and kindes of horses; geldinges; armoure;  
weapon; and furniture aforesayde; or any of them; after such rate; pro-  
portion; maner; and forme as is in thys acte aboue limited; declared  
and appoynted. That then euery such personne shall forfeit and loose;  
for euery such three monethes that he shal so lache and want the same  
number and kyndes of horses; geldinges; armoure; weapon; and fur-  
niture; or any parte thereof; for euery horse or geldyng so lacking; ten  
poundes; and for euery dimillaunce and furniture of the same; the possi-  
des; and for euery corselet and furniture of the same. xl. s. and for euery  
almaine tynette; cote of plate; or bygandine; and the furniture of the  
same. xx. s. & for euery bow & sheele of arrowes; bil; halbert; haquebut  
Steele cappe; scul morian and salette. x. s. the one moyle of whych sayd  
forfey-

forfeitures shalbe to the kyng and shene oure soweraigne lord and lady, and to the kyng and successours of the same our soweraigne lady, and the other moptye to hym or them that will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or information, in the which byll, playnt, action, or information, no wager of lawe, essone, or protection shall be allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the inhabytauntes of every cite, borough, towne, parryshe, and hamlette within this realme, other then such as are specially charged before in this acte, shall have, have, kepe, susteyne, and mainteyne, at theyr common charges and expences, suche harnes and weapon, and as much thereof as shalbe appointed by the commissioners of our sayde soweraigne lord and lady, and of the heyres and successours of the same our soweraigne lady, for the musters of bewte of armoure within such cytye, borough, towne, parryshe or hamlette, there to be kepte in suche place as by the sayd commissioners shall be apoynted. And the numbers and kindes thereof to be written and compyled in a payre of indentures, to be made betwene the sayde commissioners or two of them at the leaste, and to be kepte, or four of the cheif of every suche cytye, borough, towne, parryshe, or hamlette, wherof one part to remaine with the cheif officer of the same cytye, borough, towne, parryshe or hamlette, and the other parte to remaine with the clerk of the peace of the sayd cytye or countie wher eveyr such cytye, borough, parryshe, or hamlette shall stand or be. And if the same inhabytauntes of every such cytye, borough, towne, parryshe, or hamlette, other then suche as are specially (as is aforesayde) charged, shall lacke or wante suche harnes or weapons, or any parte thereof, as shal be vnto them apoynted by the sayde commissioners for the musters of bewte of armoure, as is aforesayd, by the space of any thre monethes together next after any such appointment made that then the same inhabytauntes shall forseyte for every the sayd thre monethes for every such harnes or weapons so lackyng after the rate aboue sayd, the one moitye thereof to be to our sayd soweraigne lord and lady, and to the kyng and successours of our sayd soweraigne lady, and the other moitye to hym or them that will sue for the same in any of the courtis of recorde of our sayd soweraigne lord and lady, and of the heyres and successours of the same oure soweraigne lady, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or information, wherin no wager of lawe, essone or protection shall be admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the lord Chancellor of Englande for the time beyng, shall have full power and auctoritie by vertue of this presente acte, from tyme to tyme to graunt out commissions vnder the great Seale of England, to the Justices of peace within every cytye or countie of this realme, or to so many of them as by his discretion shall be thought mete and convenyente for

for the appoynting and limittynge of the sayd hachelles and weapons  
to be founde kept, and kepte in every such citie, borough, towne  
parlyshe, and hamlette, at the common charges of the inhabytantes  
there of as is aforesayd.

And wherby it is enacted, that this acte of any thing therein conteyned  
shall not extend to take awaye or discharge any servant, or sermone,  
officer, or any other, of his owne service towarde his Lorde, for the synninge of  
hous, annoure, or weapon, or for doynge of service by hym selfe or any  
other, whiche by the service of his lande or tenne, he is bounde to doo  
the same in as large ample maner and forme, as though this acte had  
never bene had nor made.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Ju-  
stices of peace, of every shire, shall have power and authoritie by ver-  
tue of this acte, from time to time, to make search and beue of and for  
the sayde fornytyces of houses, geldingges, arment, and weapon, to be  
founde maynteyned and kept by any person abouelayd, havinge lordes-  
shippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woods to the  
cleare percey value of .CC. poundes or under, and not above the yerely  
value of .CCC. poundes, or to be found, maintained or kept by any per-  
son, or persons chargeable by this acte, by reason of his or their goodes  
cattell, arment, or any other, as is aforesayd, and to here and  
determine at their quarter sessions all and every the defaulters com-  
mitted or done contrary to this acte, within the county, where suche  
sessions shalbe kept, by inquiry, or presentment, by, or informatio  
before them exhibited, or by examination of two lawfull wytnes, at  
the discretion of the same Justices, and to award proccesse thereupon as  
though they were indicted before them by verdict of .xii. men or more.  
And upon the conviction of the offender by information or suit of any  
other then the king or the quene, or of theires or successours of the quene  
to make estreates of the one moyle of the said forfeitures to be leuted  
to the use of our sayd soueraigne lord and ladye, or of theires or suc-  
cessours of the same our soueraigne ladye, as they shalbe to doo of other fines  
issues, and amerciamentes, growynge in the Sheryons of peace, and  
to award execution of the other moyle for the complaynaunte or in-  
formour agaynst the offender, by fieri facias or capias, as the kynges Jus-  
tyces at westminster, may doo and shalbe to doo. And yf any suche conue-  
rion shal hereafter happen at thony shire of oure sayde Soueraigne  
lord and ladye, or of the heires or successours of the same oure Soue-  
raigne ladye, that then the whole forfeitures to be estreated and leup-  
ed to their uses onely.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that  
whensoever any personne shall at any tyme hereafter be convicted  
by vertue of this acte, for any default or thynge mentyoned in this



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acte, that then the same person shall not otherhoise or estonned be  
 heged, troubled, or discomfited, for the same default or thing, to be  
 soe he shall be so convicted.

And be it mozeouer enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that  
 if any souldiour shall at any tyme hereafter make sale of his horse  
 harness, and weapon, or any of them contrary to the fourme of the said  
 statute, made in the sayde seconde and thirde yeares of the sayde  
 late kynge that then not onely the same souldiour shall incurr the  
 penalties of that statute, but also the sayde sale made by such souldi-  
 our to any person or persons, knowynge him to be a souldiour, shall be  
 voyde and of none effect, agaynst him or them that founde or set forth  
 the sayd horse, harness, and weapon, or any of them, so, or for the fur-  
 niture of such souldiour to serue with the same.

And also alwayes, that no person shall be impeached or troubled  
 for any offence done contrary to this acte, onlesse presentments or pro-  
 ceedings therof be had, made, or taken within one yeare next after the offence done  
 any thing in this acte to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And also alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde,  
 that if at any tyme hereafter it shall fortune any person or persons aforesayd  
 to be sued or impeached for any forfeiture or penaltie, for not ha-  
 ving, or keeping, or having such furniture of coats, pikes, haque-  
 buttes, or morions, as by this acte is before limited, rated, and apor-  
 ted, and for his or their excuse and answer, shall allege and p[re]tend  
 that the same furniture so lacking, could not by him or them conveni-  
 ently be had, gotten, or procured, for want and lacke of the same with  
 in this realme, according to the tenore and purport of this acte, the  
 same matter of want and lacke, as is aforesayde, shall be allowed, and  
 taken for a good and sufficient answer and barre in the lawe, in case  
 it be true, and if the same be denied or trauesed, that therupon an issue  
 shall be joyned, and that the tryal shall be of every such issue onely had  
 by the certifficate to be made by the Lord Chauncellour, Lord Treas-  
 urer, the Lord president of the counsell, the Lord Steward of the  
 Kinges and Queenes most honorable householde, the Lord p[ri]nce  
 of Wales, the Lord Admirall, and the Lord Chamberlayne of the sayde  
 householde, or by thre of them, in writinge under thei[re] seales, or the  
 seals of thre of them, this presente acte, or any statute, lawe, or usage  
 heretofore had to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde,  
 that no person or persons chargeable by vertue of this acte, to or  
 for the supplyinge or having of any horse, geldyng, armour, wea-  
 pon, or furniture for the warre, as is aforesayde, shall be charged with  
 the same, or with any of them both, for his manors, houses, landes, me-  
 dows, pastures and woodes, and also for his goodes, cattels, services,  
 leases, copyholdes, rents, annuities.

Provided also and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend or be adiudged or interpreted, to abrogate, repeale, or make void any part, sentence, matter, clause, article, or thinge, conteyned or specified in the statute made, in the. xxiii. yere of the raigne of the late noble prince of worthy memory king Henry the eight, for or concerning the havinge of long bowes and arrows, & the using, order, exercising and maintennance of archerie, and shotinge in longe bowes, but that the same statute, and every article, clause, sentence, and thinge therein conteyned and specified, touching, or in any wyse concernyng the havinge of longe bowes, arrows, usinge, order, exercisinge, or maintenance of archerie, and shotinge in longe bowes, shall stande and remaine in force, and be observed, performed, and kepte, accordyng to the tenore, effect, and true meaninge of the sayd acte, upon the paynes conteyned in the same, as this acte had not bene hadde ne made, this present act or anye thinge therein conteyned to the contrary in anye wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, that yf it shal fortune the sayd furniture of armour aforesaid, or any parte thereof, at any time hereafter to be lost or spent in any service of defence of this realme, or els the horses or geldinges aforesaid, to be kylled or destroyed, or els by some other occasion to be dead, that in such case or cases, no person or persons shalbe charged w<sup>th</sup> any forfeiture or penaltie aforesaid, for not havinge such quantitie or number of armour, horses, or geldynges, as is aforesaid, so that he or they within one yere next after such losse or wante, do supply the same agayne in al points, accordyng to the true meaninge & purport of this acte, any thing in the same act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Provided also, that the want of anye gauntlet or gauntlets, shall not be demed, accompted, or taken for any lacke or wante of furniture for a corselet, any wordes before expessed, soundinge to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person and persons charged with the fynding of any haquebut, and his or theys servaunt or servauntes, shall and maye exercise & use shotinge in the same haquebutte, at suche markes as are limited and appointed by the statute made in the. xxiii. yere of the raigne of king Henry the eight, or at theys owne proper games, so that they carry not or use not the same haquebut in any hygh waye, unlesse it be comyng or goyng to or from the musters, or marchyng to warres or fro the services of defence of the realme, any clause or article in the sayd act of the. xxiii. yere, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte ne any thing therein contained, shal extend to charge any person or persons, dwelling or abydyng within the countreis of Northwales, and Southwales, and within

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the countie of Lancashire and Chester, or either of them, w<sup>th</sup> the finding or havyng of any haquebut, but that they and every of them, shal and maye at theyr wylt libertie, and pleasure, haue and kepe, in stede and place of every haquebutte, charged by thys act, one longe bowe, and one shefe of arrowes, ouer and besides such other armour and munition as is bi the lawes of this realme limited and appoynted, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED alwaies that the Lord Chawncellour of England, or heper of the great seale for the tyme beyng, shal and maye from tyme to tyme by vertue of the kyng and Quenes highnes comission, name assigne, and appoynt comissioners in every cite, borough, and towne corporate, wherein there be Justices of the peace, as well in England as in Wales, so many of the same Justices of peace, w<sup>th</sup> suche and as manye other personnes, to be ioyned w<sup>th</sup> them dwelling oute of the said cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, as he or they shal think mete, to take viewe of armour in every of the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, accordyng to this presente acte, and also to assigne what harnes and armour shal be prouyded and kepte by the inhabitantes of every such cite, borough, and towne corporate, as is aforesayde, accordyng to thys present acte.

An Acte for the takyng of musters.

The. iiii. chapter.



HERE heretofore comaundement hath bene geuen by the king and Quenes maiesties, and other the progenitours of the Quenes maiestie, kynges of this realme, to diuers and sondry personns, to muster their maiesties people & subiectes of this their realme of Englande, and to leuie a number of them for the seruice of their maiesties and of thys Realme, in their warres, suche as were most hable and likeliest to serue well in the same, whych seruyce hath ben greatly hyndered, as well for that a greate number hath absented them from the sayd musters, which ought to haue come to the same, as also for that manye of the most hable and lykely men for that seruyce, haue bene through frendeship or rewardes released, forborne, and discharged of the said seruice, & some other not being able or mete taken, appoynted, and cholen therunto, and yet the same disability & vnaptnes notwithstanding, the same vnable & vnmete persons vpon summes of mony, or other kind of rewardes, or exactions by the paid, to some such as had the order of the said musters, haue ben also released and discharged of the sayd seruice, to the gret impoueryshmente of the



the subiectes, and cheyself to the greate peryll and daunger of this noble realme, in the hinderaunce of the true and necessary seruice thereof.

For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the king and quene our soueraygne lord and lady, with the assent of the lordes Spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of the same, that yf anye person or personnes, that shal be commaunded, at any time hereafter, generally, or specially, to muster afore any such as shal haue authozitie or commaundement for y same by, or from the kyng and quenes Maiesties, or by theires or successors of the quenes maiestie, or by any lieutenaunte, wardeyne or other person or personnes authozysed for the same, do willingly absent him or them selues from the same musters, hauing no true and reasonable excuse of sykkenes, or other laweful impediment, or at their apparaunce at such musters, do not bring with them such their best furniture of arape, and armour, as he or they shal then haue for hys or their owne person in a redynes, shal for euery such defaulte and offence, haue and suffer imprisonment by the space of ten dayes, without baile or mainpryce, by the commaundement of such as shal haue authozitie as is aforesayd, to take the same musters, onlesse he or they soo offeding as is aforesayd, doo agre to or with the said commissioners, or two of the, to paye to thuse of the king and quene our soueraigne lord and Lady, or of the heires and successours of the same our soueraygne ladye, for euery such offence, forty shyllinges for a fyne, which sayde fyne after agreement for the payment of the same as is aforesayd, shalbe certified and estreated into the court of the eschequer at Westminster, by such as shal haue power, to take the sayd musters as is aforesaid, or by two of the, vnder their seales or y seales of two of the, within the space of two monethes next after such agreement, to pay the sayde fine had or made and the same fyne so estreated to be leuied in suche forme as fynes assessed by the Justices of assise, or of Gaole deliuerie, in their circuites are vsed to be leuied.

And be it further enacted by the authozitie aforesaide, that yf anye person or persons which at any tyme or tymes hereafter shal be commaunded or appoynted by the kyng and quene our Soueraygne Lord and lady, or by the heires and successours of the same our soueraygne ladye, by their commission, letters, or other wyse auctorised, to leuy muster or make anye men to serue in their warres, or other wyse for the defence of this realme, do by any meane exact, leuy, receaue or take, or cause to be taken any sūme or sūmes of mony, or other reward or thing whatsoeuer, of any person or persons, for seruice in y wars, or that shalbe appointed, named or mustred to serue in any such seruice or for the sparynge, releasyng or discharging of such person or persons from the sayd seruice, that then euery such person that so shal offende in exactyng, receauyng or takyng by any waies or meanes any sūme

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of summes of monye, or other reward, or thing whatsoeuer as is aforesaid, shal for euery such offence forfeite .x. times so much as he shal so receyue exacte or take.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if any capytayne, pety capitaine or other, hauyng charge of men for seruice in warre, shal for any aduantage, lucre or gaine by him to be taken, or receyued, dyscharge or lycence anye of the souldiours, or men appointed to serue in the warres, vnder his rule or order, to depart from the same seruyce, or shal not pay vnto his souldiours, & to euery of them, their full and whole wages, conducte and coate monye, within tenne dayes next after that such capytayne, pety capitaine, or other hauyng charge of men as is aforesayd, shal haue receyued the same, that then the party so offendyng in geuynge anye such lycence or dyscharge as is aforesayd, shal lose & forfeite for euery such offence, ten times the value of the thing so taken or receyued, and shal also paye to euery souldiour from whom he shal so withhold any the said wages, conduct, or coate mony, treble the summe so withholden, the one moitye of al which for feytures, other then such as befoze by this act is limited or geuen to the souldiour or souldiours as is aforesaid, for their wages, coate or conducte mony withdawnen, shal be to the king and the quenes maiesties and theirs and succussors of the quenes maiestie, and thother moitye thereof to him or them that will sue for the same, by action of debte, bytill paupt, information or othertwyse, in any court of record, in which action or sute no essoigne protection or wager of law, shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that al iustices of assises in their circuittes, and all Iustices of peace, within the lymittes of their commission, in their assises and sessions, and Stewardeg of lettes, lawedayes, and liberties, at their leetes and lawdaies shal and maye from tyme to tyme enquire, here and determine euerye of the sayd offences, committed or done contrary to this acte, within the precynctes of their commission, leete or libertye, and if any person or persons shalbe befoze the sayde Iustices of assise, Iustices of peace, or any of them, preseted or indicted of any thoffences aforesaid, that the said iustices of assise, or iustices of peace, befoze whom suche inditement or presentment shalbe taken or had, shal and may by the auctorite of this act, award such proces against euery such person or persons so indited, as by the inditements of trespas is vled and accustomed to be made, & if any such perso or persons so indited, do appere befoze the said iustices & confesse the same, or plede to the same inditementes, & after by verdicte of .xii. menne shalbe of any the sayd offences contained in such inditemet or inditements conuicted, & the the said Iustices befoze whos any such conuiction shalbe so had, shal & may award such person or persons so conuicted vnto pylson, ther to remaine without baile or maynepyrce, vntyll such tyme as he or they haue paid, or satisfied the moitie

mortie of the forfeiture aforesayd, vnto the kyng & queenes maiesties vse, and thother moitie therof vnto him or them that shal come before the sayd Iustices, and geue euidence agaynst the partye to be conuicted at the time of the said conuiction, and by whose euidence he shalbe of the sayd offence conuicted. And yf any such conuiction shalbe hadde without any euidence openly giuen by any person or persons, that the partye conuicted as aforesayde, shal remaine in prison as is aforesayd, vntill he haue satisfied the hole forfeiture to the kinge and queenes maiesties vse.

Provyded alwayes and be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd, that yf any the offences aforesayd, touching captaynes, pety captaynes, or other hauing charge of men, shalbe committed duringe the time that any army or number of mē being vnder alieutenaunt shalbe assembled and continue together, or by any captaine, pety captaine, or other hauing charge of men that shal serue vnder any lord wardē, or other cheifstayne, that then vpon complaynte thereof, the lord lieutenant or the lord warden, or other cheifstayne, duringe the time of anye hys or their commysyon shall and maye heare, order, and determine the same offences, by hys or theys discretions.

Provyded alwayes that this acte, nor any thing therein contained shal not in any wise extende to take awaye or discharge any tennaunte or sermour of his seruice or couenaunt, to wardes his lord, for the fin dyng of horse, armo, or weapon, or for doing of seruyce by him selfe, or by anye other, which by the tenure of his land or otherwise is bounden to do before the making of this acte, but that he shal yelde, do and pay the same in as ample maner and forme as though he had neuer bene had or made.

Provyded also and be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd that yf any such capytayne, pety captaine, or other hauing charge of men as is aforesayd, shalbe at anye time hereafter conuicted, or ordered by vertue of thys acte, for anye of hys offences aforesayd, that the same Capytaine, pety Capytaine, or other hauing charge of men as is aforesayd, so conuicted, shall not otherwise or estones be vexed, troubled, sued, or conuicted for the same offence, wherof he shall be soo before conuicted or ordered.

And where one byaunch or article contained in the statute made in the seconde and thyrde yere of the reygne of the late kyng Edward the fyrte, intituled, an acte touchinge the true seruyce of Captaynes, and Souldyours, whereby the departire of anye Souldyore seruyng as in the sayde acte is expessed, withoute lycence of the lieutenant or other offycer or offycers named in the sayde acte, or in the absence, of their deputyes, was made felonye, is of noo force, strengthe, ne effecte, at thys presente, by reasonne of the acte of repeale of certayne treasonnes, felonyes, and pyymnyre made in the



the first session of the parliament holden at Westminster, in the first pere of the Quenes maiesties reygne. Be it for good and reasonable consid-  
rations enacted and establiſhed by thauthoritie of this present parli-  
ament, that the sayde branch or artycle, and every sentence and mat-  
ter therein conteyned, be from henceforth holy reuyued, and recontinu-  
ed, and be and remayne in ful strength & effect to al intentes construc-  
tions and purposes, the sayde acte of repeale notwithstandinge. And  
that al and every other article, clause, pꝛouiſo and matter contained  
in the same act, shal stand, remaine, and be in their ful force, strength,  
and effecte. Any thing in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And yet neuerthelesse wher in the sayd act it is pꝛouyded, that no  
person or persones, should be charged for the takynge or receyuinge of  
anye gyfte or rewarde of anye of his or their tenauntes or frendes to  
wardes the releyse, ayde, or helpe of the same personnes beyng con-  
mained to serue in warres, or other wyse to find men on horsebacke  
or on fote, within this realme or withoute, nor for the gyfte, rewarde,  
ayde or helpe reserued, or couenaunted, to be payde or giuen to any per-  
son appoynted to serue in warres, or to fynde horse or men, to serue by  
reason of any graunt, couenaunt reservation, custome or tenure, anye  
thinge in the sayd act to the contrary notwithstandinge, as by the said  
acte and pꝛouiſo moze playnely it doth and may appeare. Be it enac-  
ted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, & no person or persons shal  
or maye by colour of the said pꝛouiſo, or of any wordes or matter ther-  
in conteyned, exact or demaund, or leuy any summe or sumes of monye,  
horse, armoure, or any other thing, other then shalbe employed furth-  
with in the present seruice of those warres, of the kynge and queenes  
maiesties, her heires or successours, for which it is leuied, the whyche  
summe or summes of monye, horse, armoure, or other thing or as much  
thereof as shal not be spent, lost, or consumed in the sayd seruice, shalbe  
rendred and restored to suche person or persons, as payd or deliuered  
the same, bypon the penalties and forfeitures, conteyned in & said act.

Pꝛouyded alwayes, that no person or persons, inhabiting within  
any cytye, borough, or towne corporate, being a county of it selfe, or in  
which anye Iustices of peace be or hereafter shalbe, by charter shalbe  
compellable by vertue of this acte, to make his or their apparaunce,  
with such furniture as is aforesayd, at any muster hereafter to be had  
or taken out of the Suburbes, precinct, or liberties of the same Cytye,  
Borough, or Towne, nor before any person or persons, aucthorized by  
comission or otherwise as is aforesaid, onlesse the maior, or other hed of  
fyerc, of such cytye, borough, or towne, & one other discrete inhabitaunt  
of the same at the least be ioyned in the same comission or other auc-  
thoritic as is aforesayd, with the same other person or persons so auc-  
thorized, any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An Acte that accertainen in murder and dyuers felonies, shal not  
haue the benefite of clergie:

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**F**OR THE due punishment of suche as com-  
maunde. counsell. or hire any person or persons to com-  
mit. perpetrate. or do any pety treason. wyllful murdre.  
or any of the offences in this presente acte mentioned.  
Be it enacted by the auctoritie of thys presente Par-  
lyamente. that all and euerye personne and persones.  
that after the fyfth day of Marche nexte commynge. shal malicioulye  
commaunde. hyre. or counsell any person or persons. to commit or do  
anye pety treason. wyllfull murder. or to do any robbery in any dwel-  
lynge house or houses. or to commit or do any robbery in or nere anye  
hygh waye in the realme of Englande. or in any other the Quenes do-  
minions. or to commit or do any robbery in any place within the mar-  
ches of Englande agaynst Scotlande. or wyllfully to burne any dwel-  
lynge house. or any parte thereof. or anye barne then haupnge coyne or  
grayne in the same. that then euerye suche offender or offenders. and  
euery of them beyng outlawed thereof. or beyng thereof arraigned  
and found guilty by the ordre of the lawe. or being otherwyle lawfully  
attaynted or convicted of the same offence. or beyng arraigned there-  
of do stand mute of malyce or froward mynde. or do challenge perem-  
toyre aboute the number of twenty persons. or wyll not answer dire-  
ctly to suche offence. shal not haue the benefite of his or theyr clergie.

**PROVIDED** alwaies and be it enacted. that euery lord and lordes  
of the parliament. and piere and piers of the realme. hauing place and  
voyce in the parliament. upon euery inditement for any of the offences  
aforesayde. shalbe tried by theyr piers. as hath bene accustomed by the  
lawes of thys realme.

An Acte touching the making of wollen clothes.

The. v. Chapter.



**W**HERE in the parliament holden at Westmyn-  
ster. in the fyfte and sixt yeare of the reigne of our late so-  
neraigne lorde kinge Edward the sixte. there was by  
great deliberation and aduise one good acte made for  
the true & perfect making of wollen cloth within thys  
realme. wherence the making wherof. diuers clothyers  
founde the selues agreed. alleging that it is impossible for them to ob-  
serue & same act in al poyntes. & haue in this present parliamēt prayed  
some mitigation therof it is therfore at theyr special instaunce & request  
ordered. established. enacted. & provided. in maner & forme folowynge.

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In Wiltis, that every white cloth & clothes commonly called long  
Dorcesters, & al like clothes of like making mentioned in the said act  
whych by þ same was limited to weigh. lxxiii. poundes, beinge well  
scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dyed, shal weigh. lxxv. poundes at þ lest.

Item, every white cloth which shalbe made in the countie of Wyltes,  
Gloucester, & Somerset, or any of the, or els where of like makinge, be-  
ing apointed by the said acte to weigh. lxxiii. poundes, shal weigh being  
well scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dyed. lxxi. poundes at the leaste.

Item, every broade cloth made in the shires of Kent and Sussler,  
or at the towne of Reding, or any of them, or els wher of like making,  
mentioned in the sayd act, whych by the same was limited to weigh  
lxxx. poundes at the leaste, shal weigh beinge well scoured, thicked,  
milled, and fully dyed. lxxvi. poundes at the leaste.

Item, that every course short cloth made in þ shires of Suff. Norff.  
and Essex, or any of them, or els where of like sorte, & every coile clothe  
to be made within the shyre of Kent, not exceeding the pyce of fyve  
poundes, all whych by the sayde acte are appoynted to conteyne. vii.  
quarters of a yeard at the least in breadth, shal conteyne and be at the  
water, being thorough wette, sixe quarters and a halfe within the list  
thorough and by al the whole cloth at the leaste.

Item, every yard of cloth commonly called handp warp, being wel  
scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dyed, shal conteyne the breadth spe-  
cified in the sayd act, & shal weigh two poundes, and a halfe at þ leaste.

And for asmuch as many persons do counterfet the making of Cok-  
sal, Bocking and Briantre clothes commonly called handwarps, ad-  
ding therunto such like listes as the makers of such clothes doo, to the  
great deceipt of the king and Quenes maiesties subiectes. Be it ther-  
fore enacted, that no person or persons from the first day of May next  
coming, shal adde vnto any cloth or clothes, any such like list or listes,  
except the warpe therof be sponne vpon the rocke or distafe, vpon paine  
of forfeyture of the same cloth or clothes, or the very value therof. And  
vnto alwayes that the cloth makers within the citie of Dorcestour  
may make such listes as they haue done heretofore.

Item that no person or persons inhabiting within the westriding in  
the country of yorke, shal make or cause to be made any broade cloth or  
cloths called petwikes, tabonies, violets, or greenes, except the wol ther-  
of before it be conuerted into yarne, be first died, litted, and colered w<sup>th</sup>  
the couler blue, of the value of two pence a pound, vpon paine of forfeyture  
of every such colozed cloth, or þ value therof, wherof þ wol shal not be  
first died, litted, & colozed w<sup>th</sup> the coler blue of. n. d. a li. as is aforesayde.

Item that every ordinary karsey mentioned in the said act, shal  
conteyne in length in the water betwixte. xvi. and xlii. yardes, yarde  
and ynch, and beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dyessed, & fully dyed  
shal weighe xix. poundes the pece at the leaste. And euerye karseye  
called



called boyting harkes, wherbynd in the sayde acte, being wel sewed, thicked, milled, dyed, and fully dyed, ready to be used, shall weygh xviij. poundes at the least yna 14 1541 Cottons in 11 mms

Item, that every wronthe harkes called cottons, the lath whiche is appointed by the sayde statute to weygh beyng fully with powder at the least, shall weygh beyng wel sewed, thicked, milled, and fully dyed, after the rate of every yarde to the pounde at the least: or milled

Item, that one article mentioned in the sayde statute concerning welthe cottons touching the length and weight, shalbe clerly dyed, and every gode of welthe lining shal conteyne and be three quarters of a yarde in breadth in the water, and shal weygh one pounde and a halfe quarter, and every yarde of cotton beyng fully wrought and cottoned, shall weygh one pounde at the least.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persones which shal buye to sel agayne by waye of retayle or other wyse, anye of the sayde welthe linings, shal dyesse or worke, or cause to be dyessed or wrought within his or theys dwellinge house or houses, or in any other place by him selfe, or his servaunt or servantes, any of the sayde welthe linings, but shal put the same to some such person or persons, as shal be of the arte or science of dyeremen, Cottoners, or fyers, to be by them wrought and dyessed, vpon paine of forfeyture for every welthe cotton or luyng, styled or cottoned to the contrary. *in sc. viii. d. in 1441*

Item, that al and every cotton or cottons called Spancheffer, Lancheffire, and Chelmyze cottons, and all clothes called Spancheffer, Lugges, or Spancheffer fyles maye be deuyled into two halfe peeces, and shal conteyne and be after the rate of such breadth and weyght, as in the sayd acte is limited and appointed to a whole pece of every of the severall peeces of cottons a lugges aforesaid, anything in the said former statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And yf any cloth or harkes of the severall kindes of manerages mentioned in the said former acte or this estatute, do excede the severall lengths mentioned in the same, that then every yarde so excedyng, shall weygh after such rate as every yarde of such cloth or harkes conteyning the sayd severall lengths, shal or ought to weygh, vpon paine of forfeyture for every yarde, not weyng after such rate. *v. s.* And yf any such cloth or harkes shal lacke of such weight as by the sayde statute or thys acte it ought and is appointed to have, then the maker therof or other person in whose handes or possession the same shal be found, shal forfeyte for every pounde lacking aboue. *iii. poundes. v. s.* and also for every pounde exceding aboue. *iii. poundes. ii. s.* in maner and fourme as in the sayd former acte is appointed.

Item one article mentioned in the said statute, wherin the almege is prohibited to set his seal to any cloth or carley which shal proue pynly, bandy, squally, in or by waye or wole, or els shal happen to be quel buried

Whiche be waisted in the myll, or in the chople to be full of holes, in which  
hagio, to be hole, that he had in his hand, and in his hand.

Item it is enacted that yf at any time after the first daye of Maye,  
any clothier, hantler, or any other, by the default or negligence of the car-  
diers, spinners, or weavers, or any of them, shall or do psonne either pur-  
chase, or buy, or sell, or take, or receive, or any other waye, or els shall  
happen to be euill hantled, or waisted in the myll, or els throughte the  
default or negligence of the myll man, or other wyse, to be full of holes  
in the clothes, or to be hole, that then the maker of every such clothe or  
hantler in buying defective or faultie as is aforesayd, shall firste vnto ene-  
rye ende of the sayde clothe or hantler, by buying defective and faultie,  
and offered to be solde, by a seale of leade, in the which seale shall be in-  
graued thys word (faulty) vpon payne of forfeiture of such clothe or  
hantler, or the value thereof so offered to be solde, wher vnto such seale  
shall not be set.

Item, the article mentioned in the sayde former acte of retorninge  
of defective clothes, hantles, frises, or cottons being transported vnto  
the sea by the marchauntes, shall be betterly voyd. But neuertheles be  
it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if it shal fortune hereafter  
any marchaunt or marchauntes, to transporte anye cloth or clothes,  
hantles, frises, or cottons, wher vnto the seale with thys word (faulty)  
was not annexed at the tyme of the sale thereof by the clothier, and the  
same clothes, hantles, frises, or cottons so transported, or any of them  
to be founde faulty or defective, and the same marchaunt or marchaun-  
tes thereof, within twoo yeres after such sale, to buynde a certificate,  
made with the seale of any towne or company in the parties beyond  
the seas, or signed by a notary there, after the accustomed maner, re-  
cording and declaringe thereby the losse and damage which the mar-  
chauntes shal haue suffered by such defective and faultie clothe or  
clothes so transported, that then the clothier or clothiers, or other per-  
son of whom the cloth or clothes was boughte, they, executors or  
administrators, shall within fixe weekes next after request made by  
the sayde marchaunte, his executors, administrators, or assignes,  
doe and trulye satisfye contente and paye, to such marchaunte, his  
executors or administrators, or assignes, al and every such summe  
and summes of money as shal be mentioned, expressed, and declared  
in the sayde certificate, vpon payne of forfeiture to the party greued,  
for every one payment vpon such request, double the value of such  
summe or summes mentioned in the sayd certificate.

Item, it is enacted, that such marchaunte shal not in any wyse  
haue by vertue of thys acte, any recompence for lacke of length, bredth  
or weight, of or for any cloth, wher vnto the seale of any citie, borough  
or towne corporate shal be fixed.

Item, yf any personne shal by hym selfe, or by any other person by  
hym

him procured, counterfeit, set to or take away fro any cloth, karsey, frise, rugge, or cotten, any seale appointed to be fixed to any cloth, karseye, frise, rugge, or cotten, eyther by this acte, or by the sayde former estatute, that then euery suche personne soo offendinge, shall incurre and haue lyke penalties, forseyturs, and punishmentes, as in the sayd former acte is appoynted and limited for the lyke offence.

And for the better execution as well of this presente acte, as of the sayde former estatute, and to the intent that all kynde of karseys, cottons, frises, rugges, & other wollen cloth, made in any towne shalbe the better knowe, it is further enacted, that the seal of euery borough or towne corporate, appointed, or to be appoynted for the sealyng of any such kynde of cloth, shall be fixed to all and euerye suche kynde of clothe, beynge well and substanciallye made within suche Cytie, Borough, or towne corporate, whych cloth soo Sealed with the Seale of any Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, shall not be searched tryed, or biewed by any Searcher or Sealer of anye other Cytie, Borough, or towne corporate, by vertue of his said office, anye thing in thys acte, or in the sayde former estatute to the contrarpe notwithstanding.

Item, be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euerye personne and personnes, not dwelling and inhabitinge within anye Citie, Borough, or corporate towne, and making any of the cloths or karseys aforesayde, may lawfullye bring the same to the nexte Citie, Borough, or corporate towne, where anye suche kynde of clothes, or karseyes be or shalbe commonlye made, there to be sealed in maner & fourme as is befoze expessed.

Item, yf any Sercher or Sealer appointed, or to be appointed by vertue of this presente acte, or of the sayde former Statute, shall sette the Seale of anye Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, to any clothe, which shall not containe such lengthe, weghte, and breadth, as in the sayd former Statute, or in this presente acte is appoynted, that then the Maior and Comynaltie, or Baylyf and Comynaltie, or other corporation of the Towneshippe, by whatsoeuer name or names it or they shalbe incorporated, where suche cloothe, karseye, frise, cotton, or rugge shalbe so sealed, shal forseyte and lose the hole value of the cloth so sealed.

It is also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parlyamente, that the sayd Serchers or Sealers, and euery one of them, shal haue ful power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, in the daye tyme, to entre into al and euerye house and houses, of euerye personne or personnes, where he or they shal thinke mete to searche, and to trye all and euerye kynde of clothes, karseyes, frises, and rugges as they shall fynde defectyue, eyther in lengthe, breadthe, or weyghte, and the same to trye by water and weyghte, and alsoo to searche



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and seale as forfeite all and euery cloth and clothes made of other colours then in the sayd former acte is appointed, fryers gray, crane colour, purple, and old medley colours, moost commonlye bled. to be made before twenty yeaers last past, onelye excepted.

And yf any manner of personne or personnes, at any time after the fyrst day of May next comyng, shal deny, withstande, or withholde any cloth or clothes, karseys, fryles, rugges, or anye of them, from the sayd Sealers or Searchers, or anye of them, or wyl not suffer them to enter into theyr shoppes, warehousles, howses or places wher their clothes, karseys, fryles, or rugges shall be, the same to be searched & tryed as is aforesayd, that then enery such person or persons so denying or withstanding, for euery such withstanding, withholdinge or deniall, to forfeit and lose. x. poundes.

Be it lyke wyse further enacted, that it shal not be lawfull for anye of the sayd Searchers, or Sealers, or any other personne, to searche anye manner of wollen clothe or karseye, wherunto the Seale of a Citie, Boroughe, or Towne corporate, shalbe fpyed, within the common cloth markette of London, commonlye called Blackewell hall, or in any common cloth faire, or clothe markette of anye other Cytie, Boroughe, or Towne corporate, in and during the tyme of the fayre or markette, anye acte or Statute to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted, that all and euerye article, clause, and sentence in the sayde former Statute made in the fyfte and sixte yere of the reigne of our saide late Soueraygne Lorde, kynge Edward the Syxt, beyng not repugnaunte or contrary to any article, clause or sentence conteyned in this presente acte, shall stande in full force and effecte.

Provided alwaies, that no person or personnes shal incurre the daunger, penalty, or forfeiture limited and appointed for any offence in the sayd former acte, the which is already mitigated or otherwyse appointed by this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euerye clothier shall cause euery clothe whych he shall put to sale, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of Saynt John Baptist next comyng to be marked with the letter M. robaed, wrought in the cloth upon payne to forfeite. xx. s. for euery cloth, beyng solde or put to sale by anye such clothier after the sayd feast not marked with the saide letter M. as is aforesayd.

And mozeouer be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons after the said feast of the natiuitie of S. John Baptist, shal sel or put to sale within the realme of Englad, any coloured cloth of any colour or coulours then are hereafter in this act mentyoned that is to say, scarlet, red, crimson, moztrey, violet, pewke, bzyowblue  
blacke

blacke, grene, peillow, blue orich, tawny, russet, marble, gray, sad new couloire Azner, watchet, sheres couloire, Lyon coulour, motley, y<sup>e</sup> gray, friers gray, crane coulour, purple, & old medley coulour, mosse comonly vsed to be made aboue and before .xx. yeares last past.

Item, wher as diuers auncient cities, boroughes, and Townes corporate within this realme of England, hath ben in times past wel and substancially inhabited, occupied, mainteyned, and byholded, as wel by reason of makinge of broad wollen clothes and karseys, as also by diuers other artificers, inhabiting then in the sayd townes at whiche time also the byllages and husbände townes flourished, and husbādye and tyllage was well mainteined, to the great benefit of the realme, and al the people therin, forasmuch as diuers yeares past, such persons as do vse the seate or mistery of cloth making, not contēted to liue as artificers, and with the trade wherein they haue bene brought vp, do dayly plante them selues in villages and townes, beinge no cities, boroughs, nor corporate townes, and ther occupying the seat and place of a husbandman, do not onely ingrosse diuers fermes and pastures into theyr handes, displeasinge the husbandman, & decaying the ploughes and tyllages, but also drawe with them out of cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, all sort of artificers, whereby not onely diuers auncient cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are utterly decayed, destroyed and depopulated, but also husbādye and tyllages very much decayed, to the great hurte, damage, and preiudice of this realme, and the people therin, yf speedy remedy be not for sene. And forasmuch also as the weauers and workemen of clothiers when they haue ben traded vp in the trade of cloth making and weauinge. iiii. or .iiii. yeares, do forsake theyr maysters, and do become clothiers and occupiers for the selues, without stocke, skyll, or knoledge to the gret sleaunder of the true cloth making, besides a greate number of inconueniēces which do growe to the common welth of this realme therby, as dayly experience teacheth. Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauthoritie of this presēt parliament, that from and after the firste day of May next tocomminge, no personne or personnes whatsoeuer, shal vse or exercise the seate or mistery of makynge, weauynge, or rowynge of wollen clothes, longe or shorte, or karseys, pyrned whites, or playne streites, to thintent to put the same to sale, but onely in a market towne wher cloth hath commonly ben vsed to be made by the space of ten yeres last past, or in a citie, borough, or town corporate, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery such wollen cloth or karsey, made, wouen, or rowed out of such citie, borough, towne corporat or marked towne, fyue poundes.

And it is further enacted, that from and after the first day of May no person whatsoeuer, shal weaue or make, or put to weauing or making any wollen clothes or karseys last rehearsed, to be solde, vnles

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such person shall haue bene apprentice to the occupation of makynge weauinge, and rowyng of cloth or carseyes, or haue ben exercised therin by the space of seuen yeares before, vpon payne of forfeiture of such cloth, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every paynes, penalties, and forfeitures to be due by force of thys statute, or of the sayd former acte being not otherwyle appointed, shal be deuided equally into two partes, wherof the one shalbe to s<sup>r</sup> quenes highnes, her heires and Successours, and thother vnto him that wil lease (in cases where sealer is limited or appointed) or els to hym or them that wyll sue for the same paynes, penalties, and forfeitures, or any of them, by action, byll, plaint, information, or otherwyle, in anye couerte of record, wherein no essoigne, protection, wager of law, or inunction shalbe admitted, allowed, or obeyed.

Prrouded alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to any person, now or hereafter, to synge or exercysynge the seate or mistery of makynge, weauinge, or rowyng of cloth or karsey, to inhabite and dwell wher he now doth, and there to vse the making, weauinge, or rowyng of cloth or karsey, as he hath done heretofore, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prrouded alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to all and every persō or persons, which now do, or hereafter shall inhabit or dwell in anye of the Shires of Northwales or Southwales, Cheshyre, or Lancashire, Westmerland, Cumberland, Northumberland, bishoprike of Durham, Cornewall, Suffolke, Kent, the towne of Goddelmyne in the countye of Surry, or yorke shyre, being not within twelue myles of the cite of yorke, or in any the towne or byllages nere adioynyng the water of Stroude in the county of Glocester, where clothes hath ben vsually made by the space of twenty yeares last past, and hauing bene pzentice to the occupation of cloth makinge, or exercised in the same by the space of seuen yerres, to set vp, vse, and exercise the feat or mystery of makynge, weauyng, or rowyng of cloth out of a City, borough, or markette towne, as heretofore they might haue done, anye thing in thys acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prrouded also, that it shalbe lawfull to any person, now vsynge or exercysynge, or that hath vsed or exercised the seate or mistery of clothe makynge, the same to continue, vse, and exercyse, althoughe he hath not bene therevnto apprentice, or hath exercised the same by the space of seuen yeares, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prrouded alwayes & be it also further enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to every person and persons, to sel & put to sale by retayle or other wise al & every such coloured cloth and clothes as he or they now haue, as frelye as he or they may lawfully sel any clothes



clothes of the collours in this present act allowed to be sold, vntill  
the feast of S<sup>aynt</sup> Michael the archangel next ensuing. This act  
of the sayd former statute, in any wise notwithstanding,

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men bring Denizens, a vntill the feast of

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**N** THER moste humble Wyse, Welben vni-

to youre moste royal Maestie, the lordes spiritual and

temporal, and al other youre most louing and obedient

Subiectes, the commons in youre most high court of

parliamente assembled, that toher at a parliament hold

de at westminster, in the xiiij. yere of the reign of kinge

Rychard the second, it was for sondry good considerations, ordeined

and enacted, that no alpen-frenchman, shold haue or enioy any bene-

fyce within this realme, but that they shold be auoyded forthworthy,

out of the same, before a certeyne time in the sayd acte limited, as in

the same acte is more playnely conteyned. And that at what hower,

any ppyores alpens, conuentuall or other benefice or office, geuen by

tytle of the kyng, did voyd by laches, or death of the sayde ppyor, and

other occuppers, that than (durynge the warres) honest persones Eng-

lyshe, shold be put therein, in the place of them to accomplyshe diuyn

seruice, and none of the enemies aforesayd. And yet notwithstanding

the sayd ordynaunce, the sayde alpens frenchmen, by euil imaginati-

on and broage, to contynue the euill myschyses of the said ordinaunce

dyd purchase letters patentes of the kyng to be denizens, and lpeges

of the kyng, and so swore to continue the same, to thintent to occuppe

and enioy the sayd benefices, and by that meanes dyd occuppe greare

number of benefices, agaynst the sayd ordynaunce, by meanes where

of the alpens french were encreased, to the deminishing of the subiects

of the kyng, and the treasure of the kyng and the Realme did carry

oute of thys Realme, and the counsell of the kyng did discouer to the

exempes of fraunce, to the great damage of the kyng and the realme.

For remedy whereof at a parliament holden at westminster, the first

yere of the reigne, of the most worthy pynce of famous memoyr king

Henry the fyft, the same king considerynge the myschyses aforesaid by

thanthorise of the same parliament, willed that the said ordinaunce

shold be sauely holden and kept, and put in due execution (certaine

ppyor aliens excepted) and that they shold put in surety, not to dys-

Realme. And where sythence the makinge of the sayd Actes of Parliamente, sondry other good lawes and actes, haue benne made, as wel in the tyme of kyng Rycharde the thyrde, as in the tyme of kyng Henry the Eyght, in which actes, it is prouyded, lymytted, ordeyned and declared, vnder what soeuer the sayde Alpeng, and euerye of them should vse them selves within thys Realme.

And wher also by one acte of Parliament made at Westmynster, in the two and thyrtye yere of the reygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the Eyght, it was enacted amongst other thynges contayned in the sayde acte that al maner of Straungers bozne oute of hys graces obeyssaunce, whych before that tyme were made Denyzens, or that after that shoulde be made Denyzens, from and after þe firste daye of September then next commynge shoulde be bounden, and be obeyd, vnto all the foresayd actes and statutes, made in the first yere of the sayd kyng Rycharde the thyrde, and in the fourtene & one and twentye yeres of the sayde kyng Henry the Eyght, and to all the contentes of the same, and to all other actes, and statutes of thys Realme before that tyme made, or from henceforth to be made. And that also in al and euery Letters Patentes, of or for anye Denizen from and after the laste daye of the same Parliament, soo holden in the sayde two and thyrtye yere, to be made to anye straunger, not bozne bozne vnder the kynges obeyssaunce, there shoulde be conteyned in euerye suche Letters Patentes, a prouiso that he or they to whome suche Letters Patentes, shalbe soo made and graunted, shoulde be bounden and be obeyd by and vnto all þe actes, and statutes, of thys Realme, as is aforesayde, and to all and euery the contentes of the same, as by the same actes moze playnelye it dothe and may appeare.

Yet sythence the makinge of the sayd seuerall Actes, a greates number and multytude of the frenche nation, haue aryued into thys Realme, as well nere to the Sea syde, as else where, & vnder a fained false and vntreue promysse or othe of assigence, and sayth promysed to be by them bozne to thys Realme, they haue of late yeres sithence the sayde two and thyrtye yere of the reygne of the sayde late kyng Henry the Eyght, by synner and vndue meanes obteyned, dyuers and sondry seuerall Letters Patentes, wherby they be made Denyzens, and by force thereof doo enioye the lybertyes and pryueleges of thys realme, and yet contrary to the true meanyng of the sayde letters Patentes, in theyr conditions and behauiours, they doo remaine frenche, and daylye from tyme to tyme doo dyscouer the counceyl, state and pryuytes of thys Realme, and compasse, Imagyne, and procure sondrye myschyses and Damage to be done by the frenche nation  
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eyon to thys Realme, contrarpe to the sayde Actes of Parlyamente, and contrary to their sayd letters patentes, and the proupslo contempned in the same.

For remedy wherof, and for the auoyding of the imminent peryll that for want of due prouidence, may ensue to your most royal persō (whome our Lord GOD, long preferue to reygne ouer vs) and to this your hyghnes realme, by the malycious and secrete practises of the said Denizens; we most humbly besech your most excellent Maiestie, to haue vigilant care and tender consideratyon, of your owne suretye; and preseruacion of thys youre Realme, and hauynge good and sure experience of your accustomed honorable and merciful disposition and inclination, do also moost humbly besech the same, that by youre royal assent, it may be enacted by thauthozitie of this presente parlyament, that al french men, and all and euery other personne and personnes, bozne in any place, beyond the Seas, which at the time of the byrth of any such person or persons, was vnder the french kinges obeyssaunce, not beyng Denizens, other then suche as the kyng and Quenes highnes, or the quene onely shall specially licence, limit, and appointe to remayne within thys Realme, shall departe oute of thys Realme, and out and from the dominions and territories of the same there to remayne and continue withoute retozne into thys Realme, during the tyme and continuance of the warres, betwene the frech kyng and our Soueraygne Lady the queene, or her heires or successors. And that our Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kyng and the quene, or her highnes onely, by the aucthoritie of thys Acte, by their letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, shall and may haue full power and aucthoritie, from tyme to tyme, duringe the lyfe of the quenes hyghnes (which almyghty God longe prosper and continue) after the offyce found or other due profe, of the misdemenor of anye such Denizen, comitted contrary to the lawes of this realme: to repeale and make boyde all and singuler letters patentes, or asmanye of them, as to her hyghnes shall seme good, made sithence the said two and thyrtye yere of the Raygne of Kyng Henrye the yghte, to anye alien or straunger bozne frenche, and vnder the obeyssaunce of the frenche kyng, concernynge onely the makynge of sushe alien or Straunger Denizen, the same Letters Patentes of repeale, to be proclaimed and vled in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye, that euery such Letters Patents of repeale, shal containe the names and surnames of euery such alien Straunger, whose letters Patents shal soo be repealed, and shalbe solemnyly and openly redde and proclaimed in the kinge and Quenes Courte of Chauncerye betwene the howres of nine, and a leuen, befoze none, one day in anye one terme to be kepte at Westmynster, and in suche and asmanye termes and



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and countie of this realme, as shalbe limited, or appointed, or other wise seme mete to the queenes maiestie, at any time hereafter, during her highnes sayd lyfe. and that al and euery such letters patentis, to be repealed in maner and forme aforesayd, from and immediately after. xxx. dayes next ensuyng such repeale, shal touching onely the making of such alien or straunger denizen, be voyde and of none effecte, and not before.

And be it further enacted by tharthezittie aforesaid, that such aliens and straungers denizens, whose patentis the queenes hyghnes hereafter shal fortune to allowe or confirme, or whome her highnes shal lycence to remayne and tarry in thys realme, shalbe bounden to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, by recognisaunce, not to dyscouer nor cause to be discouered the counsell nor the secreates of this realme and further to be bounde and obedyente vnto and by the lawes and statutes of the same, and yf any such alien bozne french, & vnder the obeytaunce of the french kynge, as is aforesayd, shal refuse to knowlege any such recognisaunce, that then the sayd confirmation, allowance, and lycence, shalbe voyde and of none effect.

Provided alwaies that yf any such alien as is aforesaid, shal haue purchased any Manour, Landes, Tenementes, or heritamentes, of anye estate of inheritaunce, within thys Realme, sythence the tyme that he was made denizen, or yf any Manour, Landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes within this realme, were gyven to any such alien, of anye estate of inheritaunce, by any letters patentis, or in yf same letters patentis, wheteby he was made denizen, that the same Manour, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, after the Decease of suche alien, whose letters patentis, of making denizen, shalbe as is aforesaid, repealed, shal and maye disconde, remaine or come vnto suche hys heire or heyres, as bene bozne withi this realme, and as be inheritable to the same, or to such other person or personies that shoulde by the lawes of thys realme haue and enioye the same, or any part therof, if this acte or no such repeale had bene made in such maner and forme as though no such repeale were hadde or made, the same repeale or any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that it shalbe lawefull to the Quenes maiestie, her heyres and successours, immediately from and after the departure of enery such denizen, out of thys realme, to receyue and take the cleare yerely issues, reuenues, and proffits of al such Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentis, Fees Annuities, and hereditamentes, whereof anye such denizen were leased or hadde at the time of this act, or at the tyme of hys departure oute of thys Realme, as is aforesayde, for and durynge the lyfe of euerye suche denizen, in as ample and large manner and forme, and in suche qualyte, condition, and degree, as anye

anye suche denisen mighte lawfullye haue receyued and taken at the tyme of the making of this present act, and not otherwys, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte to make by the Jury with circumstantibus, wher the kyng and Quenes maiestie or the Quenes maiestie is a party.

The. vii. Chapter.



HERE in the parliament holden at Westminster the. xiiii. day of January in the. xxxv. yere of the reygne of the moost noble and victorious prince king Henry the eyght, late kinge of Englande, amongeste other thinges it was enacted and establyshed, for the speedy tryall of Issues ioyned betwene partye and partye, in anye of the kynges courtes of record holden at Westminster to be tryed by the verdict of twelue menne, before the Justices of assise, or *nisi prius*, that in every writte of *habeas corpus*, or *distringas*, with a *nisi prius*, deliuered of record to the Sheriffe or other minister or ministers to whom the makinge of the retorne shal apparteyne, where a full Jury shal not appeare before the Justices of assise or *nisi prius*, or ells wher after apparance of a full Jury, by chalenge of anye of the parties, the Jury is lyke to remayne vntaken for default of the Jurours, that then the same Justices vpon request made by the parties playntiffe or demaundaunte, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of the sayde acte, to comaund the Sherif or other minister or ministers, to whome the makinge of the sayde retorne shal appartayne, to name and apointe as often as nede shall requyre, so many of such other hable persons of the sayde countye then present at the sayd assises or *nisi prius*, as shall make by a full Jury, which persones so to be named and enpanelled by such Sherif or other minister or ministers, shalbe added to the former pannell, and theyr names annexed to the same, as by the said act moze at large appeareth, whiche Statute was made to endure tyll the ende of the next parlyamente, and after was and is from tyme to tyme contynued, and dothe nowe remayne, stande, and be in effecte, which acte doth not extende to any Jury empanelled, to try an issue ioyned betwene the kyng and the party, or betwene suche as pursue any matter for the kyng and them selves.

Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed by the kyng and Quenes maiesties the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons

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commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from and after the fyrste daye of June next comynge the Iustices of assise and *nisi prius*, before whome anye tryall shall be made, by vertue of any writte of *habeas corpora* or *distringas* wyth a *nisi prius*, where a full Jurye shall not appeare, or after appearaunce of a full Jurye by challenge the Jurye is lyke to remayne vntaken, for defaulte of Iuriours, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this Act, vpon request made for the kyng and Queene her heires or Successours, by anye auctorized therevnto, or assigned by the Iustices of the Courte before whome the sayde enqueste shall be taken, or vpon requeste to be made by the party that foloweth as well for the kyng and Queene, her heires and Successours, as for hym selfe vpon any penall Statute or his or theyr Attorneys, to commaunde the Sheryffe, or other minyster or ministers, to whome the makynge of the sayde retourne shal appertayne, to name and appoynt, as often as nede shall require so many of such other hable personnes of the sayde Countye then presente at the sayd assises, or *nisi prius*, and to adde and annex the names to the former pannel, as shall make bype a full Jurye of twelue men for the tryall of euery such Issue. And that al and euerye clause, sentence, article, and prouiso comprised in the sayde former acts, shall be taken, enterprited, and expounded, to geue the lyke and the same aduantage and commoditie to the kyng and Quenes maiesties, her heires and Successours, and all such personne and personnes as shal pursue any action, byll, playnt, or information for the kyng and Quenes maiesties, her heires and Successours onelye, or for them and the partye, as the party playntye in any other action shoulde or myght haue by vertue of the sayde acte, in such fourme and condition, to all intentes and purposes, as yf such actions or lites for the kyng hadde bene specyallye and perticulerlye mentyoned and Declared in the sayde Acte.

An Acte for the punishment of such as shall take a wyf maydens  
that be inheritours, being within the age of sixtene yeares  
or that mary them without the consent of theyr  
parentes.

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Here maydens and Women chyldren of noble men, gentlemen, and others, as well suche as be heyres apparaunt to theyr auncestours, as others hauinge leste vnto them by theyr father or other auncestor and freindes, landes, teneimentes, and heredytamentes, or other great substaunces in goodes and cattelles moueable, for and to thyntente to aduaunce them in maryage somwhat lyke accoꝝding to theyr degrees, and as myghte be mooste for their suretye and comfote, as well for them selues, as of all other theyr freindes and kynfolkes, be often tymes vnwares to theyr sayde freindes or kynfolkes, by flatterye, trefelynge gyftes, and fayre promyses of manye vnthyfye and lighte personages, and thereto by the insteate of persons of lewde demeanoure and others, that for rewardes bye and sell the sayd maydens and chyldren, secretlye allured and wonne to contracte matrimonye with the sayd vnthyfye and lyght personages, and therupon either with slighte or force, okentimes be taken and conueyed awaye from theyr sayde parentes, freindes, or kynnesfolkes, to the high displeasure of almyghty God, dispargmete of the sayde chyldren, and the extreme continual heuynes of al theyr freindes, whiche vngodly dealinge for lacke of wholesome lawes to the redresse therof, remaineth a great familer and common mischeife in this our common welth.

For remedye wherof be it enacted by the kynge and Queenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, & the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that it shall not be lawefull to any person or persons, to take or conuey away or cause to be taken or conueyed away anye mayde or woman chyld vnnaryed, being within the age of sixtene yeaeres, out, of, or from the possession, custodye, or gouernaimce, and agaynst the wyll of hys father of suche mayde or woman chyld, or of suche personne or personnes to whome the father of suche maid or woman chyld, by hys laste wyll and testament, or by any other acte in his life time hath or shal apoint assigne, bequeth, geue, or graunte the ordre, keepinge, education, or gouernance of such mayde or woman chyld, excepte such a kynge and conueyinge awaye as shalbe had, made, or done, by or for such person or personnes, as without fraude or couyn be, or the shal be the master or mystres of such mayde or woman chyld, or the gardeine in soccage or gardeine in chivalry, of or to such maid or woman chyld.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons about the age of. xiiii. yeaeres, shal from & after the first day of Apryll nexte comminge, vlawefullye take or conueye or cause to be taken or conueyed any mayde or woman chyld vnnaryed being within the age of. xvi. yeaeres, out, of, or from the possession and agaynst the wyll of the father or mother of such chyld, or out or from the

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the possession, and agaynst the wyll of suche person or personnes as the shal happen to haue by any lawefull wayes or meanes, the ordre keepng, education, or gouernaunce of any suche mayden or woman chyld, that then euery suche person or persons (so offendng) beyng thereof lawfully attaynted, or conuicted by the ordre and due course of the lawes of thys realme, other then such of whom such person taken away shal holde any landes or tenementes by knightes seruice, shal haue and suffer imprisonment of his and theyr bodies by the space of two hole yeares without bayle or mainpryce, or els shal pay such fine for his or theyr sayde offence, as shalbe assessed by the counsell of the Quenes highnes her heires or successours in the Starre Chambrre at Westmynster.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf anye such person or personnes after the sayd day, shal so take away, or cause to be taken away as is aforesayd, and deslower anye such mayde or woman chyld as is aforesayd, or shal agaynst the wyll, or unknowinge of or to the father of any such mayde or woman chyld, yf the father be in lyfe, or agaynst the wyll, or unknowng of or the mother of anye such mayde or woman chyld (hauing the custodie and gouernaunce of such chyld, yf the father be dead) by secreete letters, messages, or otherwise, contract matrimony with any such mayden or woman chyld, except such contractes of matrimony as shal be made by the consent of such person or personnes as by the title of wardeshippe shal then haue, or be intituled to haue the maryage of such mayde or woman chyld, that then euery such person or personnes so offendng, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted as is aforesayd, shal suffer imprisonment of hys or theyr bodies by the space of five yeares, without baile or mainpryce, or els shal paye suche fine for his or their sayde offence as shalbe assessed by the said counsel in the said starre Chamber. The one moitie of all which fines shal be to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, her heires and Successours, the other moitye to the parties greued.

And be it further enacted by the sayd auctoritie, that the kynge and Quenes highnes honorable Counsell of the starre Chamber by byll of complaynt, or information, and Iustices of Assise by inquisition or inditement, shal haue auctoritie by vertue of thys acte, to heare and determine the sayde offences, vpon euerye whiche indytementes and inquisitions such processe shalbe awarded and lye, as vpon an inditement of trespase at the common lawe.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any woman chyld or mayden, beyng aboute the age of twelue yeres, and vnder the age of sxtene yeres, do at any time consent or agre to such personne that so shal make any contracte of matrimony, contrary to the

the forme and effecte of this estatute; that then the nexte of the kin of the same woman chyld or mayd, to whom thinheritance should descend, yete, or come after the decease of the same woman chyld and mayd, shall from the tyme of such assent and agremente, haue, holde, and enioye al such lades, tenements, and hereditaments, as the same woman chyld and mayden, hadde in possession, reuersion, or remaynder, at the tyme of such assent & agrement, during the lyfe of suche personns that shall so contracte matrimony. And after the decease of such person so contractyng matrimonye, that then the said landes, tenements, and hereditamentes, shall descend, reuert, remayne, and come to such person or persons as they shoulde haue done in case thys acte had neuer byn had ne made, other then to him onely that so shall contract matrimony.

Provyded alwaies and be it enacted, that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shall extende to take awaye or diminish the any libertye, custome, or authoritie touching or concerning anye Dyphant, or Dyphantes, whych now be, or hereafter shalbe w<sup>th</sup>in the Citie of London, or any other citie, borough, or towne, where Dyphantes are commonly used to be prouyded for, either by graunte, or by custome, but that the lord Mayor of the said citie of London, and the aldermen of the same for the tyme being, and al and every other heade officer or officers, of anye other citie, borough, or towne, wher such Dyphantes be prouyded for, shall and may haue and take like rule, order, keepynge and charge of such orphat and orphantes, and of all their landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattels, as heretofore they or any of them lawfully had or used, or lawfully mighte haue had and used, yf this acte had not bene made.

An Acte for the continuacion of certayne Statutes.

The. ix. Chapter.



HERE IN THE PARLIAMENT BE-  
gon and holden at Londo. the xij<sup>th</sup> day of Nouember  
in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dede Sone-  
raygne lord of most famous memo<sup>ry</sup>, king Henry the  
eight, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, &  
there holden & continued by diuers prorogations, vn-  
to the dissolution thereof, one act was made and established for the re-  
straint of carpage & conueying of hoxses and mares out of this realme  
And also one other acte was ther made for the true winding of wolfs.  
And one other acte was ther made to restraine killing of wainlings,  
bullouckes, Stiers & heifers, being vnder 8 age of two yeres, whiche  
said seuerall actes were the made to endure & continue vnto the nexte  
parliamente, as by the saide seuerall actes, moze playnely appeareth.

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And where also in the same Parlyamente one other acte was made and establisshed for attayntes, to be sued for the punishment of perjury vpon vntreue verdictes, which acte last before rehearsed, was then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte moze playnely at large is shewed and may appeare.

And where also in the parlyament begonne and holden at west mynster the eyght day of June, in the eyght and twentye yere of the reygne of our sayd most drede Soueraygne Lo:de, kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof. It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntyll the last day of the next parlyament, as by the same acte amongest other thynges therein conteyned, moze playnely appeareth. And where also in the Parlyamente begonne and holden at westminster, the eyght and twentye daye of Apryll, in the one and thyrtye yere of the reygne of our sayd late mooste drede Soueraygne Lo:de, kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued vntyll the eyght and twenty day of June then next folowynge, it was ordeyned and enacted by thauthoryte of the same parlyamente, that all and singuler the saide seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of the, and al clauses, artycles, and propositions in them, and euery of them conteyned, shoulde contynue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued & kept vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente, as by the same Acte amongest other thynges therein conteyned, moze playnely appeareth.

And where in the Parlyament holden at westmynster, in the five and thyrtye yere of the reygne of oure sayd late Soueraygne Lo:de, kyng Henry the Eyghte, one acte was made for the preferuatyon of woodes, to endure for seven yeares then nexte folowynge, and from thence to thende of the nexte Parlyamente as by the same acte moze playnely it doth and maye appeare. And where also at the Parlyamente holden at westmynster, in the seven and thyrtye yere of the raygne of the sayd late kynge Henry the eyghte, and there contynued and kepte vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted that all and singuler the sayd actes aboue mentioned, and euerye of them (excepte the sayde acte made for the preferuation of woodes, as is aforesayde) shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente, then nexte folowynge, as by the same Acte amongest other thynges therein conteyned, moze playnely appeareth.

And where also at the Sessyon of the Parlyamente ended at westminster

Westminster the .xiii. day of Marche, in the thyrde yere of the raigne of oure late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edward the Syxt, one acte was made for the true tawnyng of leather, whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte moze playnely appeareth.

And wher also at the Session of a parliament ended at Westminster the fyrst daye of februarye, in the fourth yere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edward the Sixte, one Acte was then and there made concerninge the buyng of rother beastes. And also one other acte was then and there made, touchyng the buyng and sellenge of butter and chese, whiche sayd seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue vnto the ende of the next parliament, as by the same seuerall actes moze at large it dothe and may appeare.

And wher also at the Session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster the .xiii. daye of Januarye, in the fyfte yere of the raigne of our sayd late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edward the Syxt, one other acte was then and there made, agaynste regratoys and forstallers, to endure vnto the ende of the nexte Parlyamente, whiche all and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentyoned together, with the sayd acte for preservation of woodes, at a parliament holden at Westminster the fyrst daye of Marche, in the seuenthe yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edward the Sixt, and there continued and dissolued the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, artycles, and prouysions in them, and euerye of them conteyned, were there reuyned and contynued, to stande in their force and strengthe vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente.

And wher also at the Session of a parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the .xiii. daye of October, in the fyfte yere of the raigne of oure mooste gracious Soueraigne Lady the Quenes maiestie, and there continued and kepte vntyll the dysolution thereof, one acte was there made and establyshed, agaynste vnlaweful and rebellious assembles, to endure to the ende of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte moze plainely doth and may appeare.

And wher also at the same Session of parliament last before mentioned, all and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at sondrye parliamentes, as is aforesayde, and al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euerye of them conteyned, were there reuyned and continued to stande in their force & strengthe vnto the last day of the next parliament.

And wher also at a parliament begon and holden at Westminster

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the .xlii. daye of November. in the fyrste and second yeares of the reignes of our most gracious Soueraigne Lord and Ladye the kynge and Quenes maiesties, and there continued and kepte vnto the dissolution of the same, beyng the sixtenth daye of Januarie then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made agaynst seditious wordes and tumours, to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte moze playnely it both and maye appeare. And where also in the sayde parliamente laste before recyted, all and singuler the Actes aboue mentioned that were before that tyme contynued at sondrye parliaments as is aforesayde, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were by auctoritie of the said parliament, there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strengthe, vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliamente.

And where at a parliament begonne and holden at westmynster the one and twentye daye of October, in the seconde and thyrde yeares of the reygnes of our aforesayde Soueraigne Lord and Ladye the kynge and Quenes maiesties, and there continued vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the nyntth daye of December then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made for the keepyng of milche kyne, and for the breading and rearing of calves. And one other acte for the reedifyng of decayed houles of husbandry, and for the encrease of Tillage, the sayde thre seuerall actes to endure vntill the last daye of the next parliament. Forasmuch as all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mentioned be good and beneficiall for the common wealth of this realme.

Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the king and Quenes maiesties, our Soueraigne Lord and Ladye, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentyoned and rehearsed, and euerye of theim, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shall be reuiued, continued, stand, and endure in their ful force and strengthe, to all intentes constructions, and purposes, and shall be obserued and kepte in all thinges vntyll the laste day of the nexte parliament.

Provyded alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd that this presente acte of continuance of statutes, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in anye wyse extende, to repeale or make voyd one acte of parliament, entituled, an acte for the sale of diuers wynges and spyces broughte in by marchauntes, made and ordeyned in thys presente parliamente, nor any clause, article, or matter therein conteyned, but that the same Acte, and euerye thinge therein conteyned shall be of as good strengthe, force, and effecte, to all intentes, and



and purposes as if this acte of continuance of statutes had not bene had nor made, any thing herein conteyned to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstanding.

And where in the parliamente begonne and holden at Westmynster the .xxi. day of October, in the second a third yeres of the reignes of our sayd Soueraygne lord and ladye, kyng Philippe and Queene Mary, and there continued and kept vntyl the .ix. daye of December, then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made, entytuled, an act for the releefe of the poze, the sayd acte to endure to the latter ende of the fyrst session of the next Parliament. Forasmuch as the sayd acte is good and beneficiall for the comon welth of this realme, be it therefoze enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte, last aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and all clauses, articles, and prouysons in the same conteyned, shalbe reupued, continued, stand and endure, in full force and strength to all intentes and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept, in al things, vntyll the last day of the next parlyament.

An Acte for the confirmation of the Subsidy  
of the clergie.

The .x. Chapter.



HERE THE PRELATES and Clergy of the prouynce of Canterbury, haue most louingly and lyberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the kyng and quenes Maiesties, a Subsidy of eyght shyllinges of the pound, to be taken and leued of all and singuler the spirituall promotions, wythin the same prouynce, durynge the terme of foure yeares now next ensuyng, in such certayne maner and foyme, and with diuers exceptyons and prouysons specyfyed and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the quenes hyghnes, vnder the Seale of the most reuerend father in god, Reginald Poole Cardinal Archbysshoppe of Canterbury, and prymate of al Englande, as in the same instrument exhibyted in thys present parliament, more playnely doth appeare, the tenor wherof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and clergie of the prouynce of Canterbury, beynge lawefully congregated and assembled in a conuocation or Synode vpon greate and weightye causes to them purposed, and amongst them well wayed and debated, considering their most bounden dueties to the kyng and quenes Maiesties, the great and ample benefites they haue receyued of their munificency and bountyfull goodnes, for an euident declaration of their good hartes and myndes, spe-

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cially now whē the imminent necessitie for the Defence of the Realme requyeth presente ayde and remedye with one bnyforme agrement accorde, and consent together, with mooste hartye good wyl, haue giuen and graunted, and by these presentes, doo geue and graunte to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, one entyre Subledye, in maner and forme folowynge. That is to saye, that euerye Archebysshoppe, bishoppe, Abbotte, Pryor, Abbatesse, or Pryoresse, Deane, Archdeacon, Prebendarie, Monast, mayster of College, mayster of Hospytalles, parson and Wyre, and euerye other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, enioyninge anye Sperrytuall promocyon or other temporall possessions, to the same Sperrytuall promotions annexed, nowe not deuyled nor seperated by Acte of Parlyamente or otherwysie, from the possession of the Cleargye, shall paye vnto the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, for euerye pounce that he or they maye yearelye dispende by reasonne of the sayde Sperrytuall promotion, the summe of Cyght shyllynge. And for the true and certayne knowledg of the yearelye valewe of the sayd promotyons, and euery of them, whereof payment shalbe made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, remaynyng of Recorde, in the kinge and queenes Maiesties late courte of the fyft Frutes and Tenthes, and nowe in their Courte of the Eschequer, for the payment of the Disme of the Cleargye, concerninge all suche promotions, as be in possession of the Cleargye, or anye other, not deuyled by acte of Parlyamente, or otherwysie as is also sayd, shalbe folowed and obserued wythout makinge anye other valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, then in the sayde Recorde is compysed and mentioned.

And where by the greate bounty and godly disposition of the king and Queenes Maiesties, certayne relyggyous houses, haue benne of late erected and endowed with Sperrytuall and Temporall possessyons, the tare whereof is not specified in the Recordes of Chercheke or else where within anye of their Maiesties Courtes, suche tare and valuation of the possessyons of the sayde Relyggyous houses, shalbe folowed for the paymente of thys Subledye, as the Bysshoppe of that diocesse within the whiche the sayde relyggyous houses be Scituated, shall vpon betwe searche and examination, certifye vnder hys Seale, into the Eschequer before the fyfte daye of Maye nexte ensaynge, in whiche tare the said Bysshoppe shall and maye make all suche allowaunces as by the acte of Parlyamente, made in the sixe and twentye yeare of the late kynge of famous memozye Henry theight, of and for the grauntynge of the perpetuall Tenth, were appointed, graunted, and assigned in the valuation and tare of all Ecclesiasticall and sperrytuall promotions, for the due and true paymente of the late perpetuall tenth

tenth; and also shall and may further allowe al such Summes of money, as are geuen, assygned, or appoynted to the syndynge and maintenance of poore menne, Schoole maysters, vlllers, gramatiens, choristers and other officers and ministers, seruyng and founde wyth in the sayd Monasteries, and religious houses.

Provyded alwayes that forasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayde valuation and tare afoze mentyoned, shalbe for a tyme vpon certayne reasonable considerations and respectes yerele payde by the Cleargye, soo that there remayneth onely nyne partes to the incumbeite cleare, thys Subsidy of Eyghte shyllinges of the pounde, shalbe vnderstande and mente onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more, where and so longe as the tenth is or shalbe payde.

Also the sayde Prelates and Cleargye further doo graunte, that thys Subsidy of eyght shyllinges of the pounde, of the yerele value of euery promotion, taxed, as is afozesayde, shalbe payde to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, within foure yeares nexte ensuyng the date hereof. That is to saye, two shyllinges of euery pounde, in euery of the sayde foure yeares.

The fyfte paymente thereof to be due at the fyue and twentye Daye of Marche, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde 503, a thousande fyue hundred fyfte and eyght, and the seconde paymente thereof to be due, at the fyue and twenty Daye of Marche, then nexte folowynge, whyche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde 503, a thousande fyue hundred fyfte and nyne.

The thyrde paymente therof to be betwix the fyue and twentye Daye of Marche, then nexte folowynge, whyche shall be in the yeare of oure Lorde 503, a thousande fyue hundred and lxxij.

And the fourthe and laste paymente thereof to be due at the sayde fyue and twentye Daye of Marche then nexte ensuyng, whych shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde 503, a thousande fyue hundred lxxij and one, to be deliuered and payde yerele, by suche personne and personnes as in thys presente graunte shalbe appoynted to haue the collectyon thereof, to be payde into the receypte of the kynge and Queenes Maiesties Eschequer, or to suche personne or personnes, place and places, to whome and where it shall please theyr hyghnes to appoynte for the receypte thereof, before or at the Twenthe Daye of June, in euery of the sayde foure yeares, withoute paying any thing to the receyuer or receyuours, or to anye other offycer or personne by theyr Maiesties to be assigned, for anye dyscharge, acquyttaunce, or Quicquid est, vpon payemente and receypte of the same Subsidye, to be geuen and deliuered, but onely twelue pence for the acquyttaunce.

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Item the sayd prelates and cleargye, doo also graunt that euery preist and all other spirituall persons, hauyng a pencion by reson of dissolution of any the late monasteryes, colledges, free chappels, chauntries, fraternities, gyldestes, and hospytalls, or of any other spirituall dignitie, and corporation, now dissolved, and extinguisht within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shall lykewyse paye to their hignesses eyght shyllinges of euery pounce of the said pencions, within the said fourre yeares, at such dayes and tymes, as is before specified, and that for the sure and ascertayned payment therof, deducted and retentyon of the sayde eyght shyllinges, shalbe made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayd pencion, after the rate of two shillinges of the pound euery of the said fourre yeares, to be deliuered and paid vnto their maiesties vse, at such tyme and to such persons as the Subledye of eyght shyllinges of the pound aforesayd, shalbe payd vnto.

Item that euery styppendarye preist receyuyng annuall stipend of eyght pounce by the yeare, and vnder (beinge no perpetuities) within the sayd prouince, shall paye vnto their Maiesties vse sixe shyllinges eyght pence yearely, during the said fourre yeares, at such tyme and to such persones as the sayd Subledye shalbe payde, and vnder the same penalties as the rest of the clergie doo pay for thei promotions. And that euery preist receyuyng aboue eight pound yerely and not aboue ten pounce, to pay lykewyse tenne shyllinges. And that euery preist receyuyng aboue tenne pounce, and not aboue twentye markes, to paye thyrte ne shyllinges fourre pence yerely, duringe the sayde fourre yeares, at suche tyme and to suche personnes as the sayde Subledye shalbe payde. And that euery preist takyng styppende aboue twentye markes, to paye lykewyse two shyllinges of the pounce, euery yeare during the sayd fourre yeares, in such maner and forme as the reste of the clergie doo paye for their promotion spirituall, and for defaulte or lacke of payment by the sayd styppendaries, that euery person, bycarre or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarye, or fermour, hiring any preist to serue in any place, shalbe answerable for the paymente of the sayd preist in that behalfe, after the said rates, and shall and maye make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of soo muche as the sayd styppendaries be charged with, by this present commysyon and graunt euery of the sayd fourre yeares.

Item the sayd prelates and clergie, further doo graunt that euery Archebyschoppe and Byschoppe, and the Sea beyng vacante, euery Deane and Chapter of that Sea voyde, shalbe Collectours of thys Subledye, within their proper Dyocesse, duringe the sayde fourre yeares.

And to thintente the kyng and quenes Maiesties maye be surelye and duely answered and payde of the sayde Subledye, in maner and fourme aforesayde, and the Collectoure of the same throughe charged

ged and discharged accordyng to the tenour of thys graunte.

The sayde prelates and Clergye do ordeyne and decree with one assent and consente, that euerie Collectoure of the aforesayde Subsidye, and of euery parte and percell thereof, and thei lawfull deputye or deputies, shall haue full power and auctoritie agaynste euery personne and personnes lyable, charged and bounde to paye the sayd Subsidye or anye parte thereof, denyng, refusinge, or delayinge to paye the same, or makynge anye defaulte in the paymente thereof, at the daye or dayes that it ought to be payde (after lawefull warninge to them gyven personallye, or at thei Churches or mansions) to procede with the censures of the Church, that is to saye, by suspentyon, excommunication, or interdiction, & also by sequestration of the frutes and profyttes of their benefices or promotion spirytual, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same frutes, and by all other lawefull remedies by thei discretions thought conuenient, to coarte, constrayne, and compell them and euerye of them, to the full and vndelayde satisfaction of the sayde Subsidye, and euerye parte and percell thereof, & shal also haue lyke power and auctoritie, bothe to absolue or cause to be absolved, all personnes so payng, from al the sayd censures and other paynes, and also to release and reuoke al such processe as shal be made agaynste them, or any of them, after they shall haue fullye satisfied the sayde Subsidye accordynglye. And vpon full payment or satisfaction of the sayd Subsidye of anye parte thereof, all suche acquittaunce or acquitaunces, whych shall be made by the collectoure or hys lawfull deputie, shall be sufficient for the discharge of the same.

Wherbynded alwayes, and it is ordeyned and decreed, that all and euerye personne and personnes, refusynge or neglectynge to pay the said Subsidye at tyme conueniente, as is aforesayde, shall for his or thei fynde defaulte or negligence in not payinge the Subsidye, accordyng to the purpote and tenoure of this graunt, beare al the charges and reasonable expences of the sayde Collectoure or his deputye, in coming goynge, and demaunding of the same, and for the seconde tyme lyke, wyle offendynge in none paymente, to paye to the sayde Collectoure, or hys deputye the fourthe parte of the sayde Subsidye, ouer & aboue the sayde summe vpon him or his church or personne allotted and taxed, whych he is bounde to paye, and charged by thys acte of free graunte.

Also the sayde prelates and clergy do further ordeynes and decree, that yf anye personne or personnes aboue named, chargeable to thys Subsidye, or anye parte thereof, after the sayde censures and processe executed agaynste him or them, yet still obstinatelye refuse, neglecte, or make delaye to paye the same, or anye parte thereof as is beforesayde, that

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that then after lawfull monition geuen vnto him or them, refusing neglectinge, or delayinge by the sayde Collectours, or theyr lawfull deputie, or deputies, personallye, or at theyr Churches, doo styl by the space of thretye dayes, refuse, or neglecte to make payment of þ sayde Subledye, that then, and in euerye such case, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde collectoure or his lawfull deputie, euery such personne so refusinge, neglectinge, or delayinge and contempning these former procesles, to deppe, amoue and destitute from his or their benefice, spirituall promotion, or pention Ecclesiasticall, any appellation, inhibition, or other remedy, ordinary or extraordinary notwithstanding, the said personnes so refusinge, to be and remaine for euer without hope of regress to such theyr promotion as he or they shalbe depriued of, for the causes aforesayd, by any newe presentation of him or them to be made to the same. And that it shal be lawfull to the patrone of the sayde benefice or benefices, or other Ecclesiasticall promotions, from whiche the sayde personne or personnes so neglectinge to paye shall be deppeyued, to presente vnto, or conferre euerye suche benefice or promotyon spiritual as yf the sayde Incumbente or Incumbentes were deceased.

Item the sayd prelates and clergye further do ordeyne and decree, that of so much as the sayde Collectours shalbe charged with in their accomptes, clearely to be payde into the receipte of the sayde Elcheker, or to suche personne or personnes as it shall please the kynge and Quenes maiesties to appoynte for the receipte of the same, shal be allowed to the sayde collectoure vpon his sayde accompte for the same for euerye pounce sixe pence, by waye of rewarde, or in lye we of hys charges, collection, portage, conueying, and payinge of the sayde subledye.

Þrouyded alwayes that no Sperrytuall promotion, or any lands, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunte or acte of the prouynce of Canterburye, or anye goodes or cartells growyng, beyng, or renowyng of the same, or apperteynyng to the owuers of the same spirituall promotions, shall be charged or made contributorye to anye .xv. or anye other Subledye all ready graunted, or within fyue yeares nexte ensuyng the date of this preset to be graunted by the laity to the kynge and queenes highnesses.

Item, the sayde prelates and cleargye further graunte, that al Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Prebendaries, preachers, & pe-  
type Canons, of al Cathedral and Colegiat Churches within the said prouynce, shall be charged with this Subledye for theyr owne portions onelye, thereof to paye eyghte shyllinges of the pounce, wyth in the sayde foure yeares, as is aboue rehearsed, and that those portions of rentes and reuenues whiche theyr hyghnes, or anye of theyr mooste noble



noble progenytours, or any other persons, haue giuen vnto the sayd cathedrall or Collegiate Churches, for the mayntenaunce of pore mē, Schoole maysters, others, grammarians, choristers, and other officers and mynisters, not to be charged w<sup>th</sup> any parte of thys Subsidye.

Prourded also that euery parson, vicar, or spiritual man, payinge any pension wherof no allowaunce is made in the valuarion of hys sayde benefice, in the recordes of the sayd late Courte of fyfte frutes, or eschequer, or other wyse, shall and maye retayne two shillinges of euery pounce, of euery such pension, euery yeare duryng the sayde foure peares, to his owne releefe, in consideration that he is charged to paye his Subsidye of eyght shyllinges of the pounce, out of euery pounce of the sayde pension. Any thinge to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prourded also that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, penyons, portyons, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belonngyng, to diuerse cathedrall churches, and other places ecclesiastical, within the sayd prouynce of Canterburpe, or anye other pearelye paymentes, goyng out or beyng paid out of the sayd Landes, Tenementes, and other the premises, or anye of them, whiche were geuen and assigned to be bestowed, and spent to and vpon the findyng and maintenaunce of certayne chauntries, anniuersaries, obittes, lightes, lampes, and other like thinges, intentes, and purpoles, be of late come into the handes and possession of the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, oure Soueraygne Lord and Lady, by force of a statute therof made in the fyfth yeare of the reygne of our late Soueraigne lord king Edward the fyfte, as by the same Statute more playnely appeareth. That the sayde cathedrall churches and the deanes or presydenres, and chapters of the same, and al other places and persones to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premises or anye of them did lately appertayne, shal not be charged to and w<sup>th</sup> any contribution or paymente of thys Subsidye, of and for that parte or portyon, wher vnto the kyng and queenes maiesties, be and hath bene entituled or possessed of, nor of, and for anye the sayde yearelye paymentes, goyng out or payde out of the premises, or anye parte therof. But that thys sayde Subsidye shalbe vnderstande to be chargeable and dewe only of all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, penyons, portyons, frutes, and other hereditamentes, which doyet styll remaine, not disseuered from the handes and possession of the said cathedrall churches, and other the places and persones aforesaide. And that deduction and allowaunce be made to them and euerye of them, in the payment of the sayde Subsidye, out of the valuation, taxation, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde Disme, remayninge of record, in the king and quenes maiesties court of the Eschequer, for that rate

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Rate and portion of yearly payments, which is come into the hands and possession of our said sovereign lord and lady, or otherwise severed from the possessions of the said cathedral churches, and other places and parsons aforesaid, by force of the Statute aforesaid.

Wherby also that every parson and vicar, whose benefice is above the valuation of five poundes, and not above five pound thre shillings and four pence, after the rate of the late perpetual tith shall paye every yeare of the said four yeares next, Sixe shillings eyght pence, as Stipendary prestes of eyght pound yearly wages benne charged to do by force of this acte, and graunt, and none other wyse. And that all parsons and vicars, whose benefices be of the valuation of fyve pound or vnder, after the rate of the said late perpetuall Tenth, shall not be charged nor chargeable with this Subsidy, or any part thereof.

Wherby also that this Subsidy graunted by the clergy shall not be demanded, or leuyed oute of any benefice, house of students or colledge, situate or set within the universities of Oxforde & Cambridge, or of any benefice, or other revenues, unto any house of students, or colledge in Oxforde or Cambridge, buyt, appropriated, or appertayning, or of the colledge of Eaton, nigh to indowre, or of the Colledge of Winchester, founded by Wyllyam Wykeham, som tyme Bysshope of Winchester, or any pore men, women or children liuyng of almshouse, in anye Hospitalls, almshouse houses, almshouse hales, or of grammer scholes, or of anye other church, or benefice, or of any other revenues of the sayde houses, Colleges, or hospitalls, almshouse houses, or almshouse hales, or grammer scholes, or to any of them annexed, appropriated or other wyse appertayning.

Wherby also that every prest and all other late professed religious persons, having a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chapels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalls, or any other incorporation, within the province of Canturbury, and being of the summe of fortye shyllinges or vnder, and not above, shall not be charged or chargeable to the said Subsidy or any parte thereof, for anye suche pension of fortye shyllinges or vnder. Any thing conteyned in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

Finallye the sayde Prelates and Clergye, beinge desirous that the sayde Subsidy maye be entierlye contented and payde to thuse of the kynge and Quenes Maesties, within the sayde four yeares, do graunt, ordeyne, and decree, that yf it shall happen in the ende of the sayde four yeares, any arrears of the sayde Subsidy to be behynde vnpayde by reason of the exilitie, and decaye of any benefices, or other spiritual promotions, lyable to this Subsidy, That then it shall be

shalbe lawefull to euery Archebyshoppe, and Byshoppe, within their seuerall Diocesse, by the consent of his cleargye, and the Sea beyng boyde, to the Deane and Chapter of that Sea boyde, to assesse a rate all and singuler the ecclesiasticall promotions, within their sayd seuerall Diocesse, to become contributoys to the full satisfaction of the said Subledye, the same to be collected, leuied and payde the nexte yeare immediatly ensuyng the sayde fothe yeare, at the dayes and vnder the paines, forme, & qualities, abouelimited. Any thing in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the true and sure payment of this Subledie, graunted by the sayde Prelates and clergye of the prouynce of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenor, purpote, effecte, and true meanyng of this present instrument. The sayd Prelates and Cleargye mooste humblye desyre and requyre the kynge and Quenes mooste excellent Maiestyes, that it may be enacted by aucthoritie of thys presente Parlyamente, that the prouysons conteyned in the foresayde graunte, shall stande good and effectuell to all intentes and purposes, mentioned in the sayde graunte. And that all processees and penalties, and all other clauses, touchyng the paymente of the sayd Subledye, and the leuyinge and collection of the same, and of euery percell thereof, may be by the sayd Prelates and Cleargye, and their lawfull deputies, putte in due execution accordyng to the true meanynge thereof, withoute incurringe anye penalties or daungers of anye lawes and statutes of thys Realme.

And for the true and sure paymente of the sayd Subledye, graunted by the sayd Prelates and clergye, of the said prouynce of Canterbury accordyng to the tenor, effecte, and true meanynge of the said instrumente. Be it enacted by the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, with the sente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in thys present parlyamente assembled, and by thauuthoritie of the same, that the sayde gifte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of monye, prouision clause, and sentence in the sayd instrument conteyned be ratified, establisshed, and confirmed by thauuthoritie aforesayd.

And furthemoze be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that euerye personne that shalbe appoynted to the collectyon and gatheryng of the sayde Subledye, shall haue full power and aucthoritye to leuye take and perceyue the same Subledye, by thauuthorite of the censures of the churche, in maner and foyme as in the sayd instrument of graunt is conteyned, without daunger of the lawes of thys realme or by distresse vpon the possession of the fermours or occuppers of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable by the sayd instrumente, for or to the paymente of any summe or summes of monye, or otherwyle by the discretion of the collector thereof. And that no repleuy, prohibition, or



Superfeudas shalbe allowed, or obeyed for any person or persones, making default of payment of the sayd Subledye, contrary to the tenor of the grauntes thereof, vntill such tyme as they haue truly satisfied and contented all such parte and portions, as to the in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euerye suche fermoure and fermoures, theyr executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter, to be charged to and with the payment of the sayd Subledye, or any parte thereof, shall by thauthozitie aforesayde, be allowed and retayne in his handes, as much of hys yerely rente and ferme, as the summe which he shall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leasor shal extend vnto, except the said fermor or fermours, their executours and assignes, by the lease or graunt that they haue of anye parte of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable to this said Subledye, or by force of anye couenaunte or article, therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to pay the same, and thereof to discharge their leasor and landlord, duringe the terme mentyned in the sayde lease.

Wherby alwayes and be it enacted by thauthozitye of this present parliament, that euery lay person hauyng a spirituall promotion chargeable by this acte, and also hauyng temporall possessyons, goods, cattels, and debtes, chargeable to this Subledye graunted by the temporality, shalbe charged, taxed, and set for his sayd spirituall promotions with the clergy, and for his said temporall possessyons, or cattels, with the temporality, and not otherwyle, any thyng before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by thauthozitye of this present parliament, that the sayde archbishops, and Bishoppes, and other parsonnes chargeable to and with the colletion of the sayd Subledye of eyght shyllinges of the pounde, within the sayde prouynce of Canturbury, shal haue vpon euerye paymente thereof made in the Queenes court of the eschequer, or els wher the kyng and queenes Maiestyes shall appoynte the same to be payed, a sufficient acquitaunce, in writinge, of such person or persones, as their maiesties shall appoynte for the receipt thereof the same acquitaunce witnessing the same receipt of as much of the same summe of the same Subledye, as shall be by any of them so receiued, and euery such acquitaunce, in writinge, seled, and subscribed with the name or names of euery such person or persones, that so by their highnes appoyntment shall receyue any of the sayd Summes of monye, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge, to al intentes, constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of parliamente. And that euery personne and personnes, whych shall haue and receaue anye suche acquitaunce, shall paye but onely two pence, for euerye of the same acquittances.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and every graunt and graunties of all and every Summe and Summes of monye which hereafter shall be graunted to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties by the charge of the prouynce of Yorke, shall be of the same strengthe, force, and effecte, in all thynges as the sayde graunte made by the sayde prouynce of Canterburpe, and shall be taxed, certified, collected, leuied, and gathered accordynge to the tenoure, fourme, and effecte of this presente act of parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such maner as though it were specially, plainly, and perticulerly expressed and rehearsed in this acte by expresse wordes, tearmes, and sentences in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all prouysores before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayd graunt of the prelates and cleargye of the prouynce of Canterburpe, and the lyke of the same prouysores hereafter to be conteyned in the graunt of the prelates and cleargye of the prouynce of yorke, shall be good and effectual and to be obserued and kepte in every poynte and acticle, accordynge to the true purport and meanyng of the same.

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THE KINGE AND

Quenes Maiesties mooste humble, saythfull, and obedient subiecttes, the Lordes spyrytuall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, callynge to oure remembraunce the great and manifold charges, which theyr graces haue all readye susteyned by the reason of this presente war that their highnes haue had, and yet haue agaynst the french kyng and the Scottes, the auncient

enemies of thys Realme, and perceiuinge also that the malyce of the same fronche kyng and Scottes are such that they haue and dayly do practyse by all dishonorable wayes and meanes, with the ayde and power of all theyr confederacies and allies, to anoye theyr Maiesties, and this theyr Realme, and other the Dominions of the same, and bi al lykelyhode, yf oportunitie of time and place so permitte, do mynde to

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make some inuasion into sundry partes of thys realme, as well vpon the Sea coste as els where, which yf it should happen, woulde be no small annoyauce as well to theyr Maiesties, as to the hole estate of thys Realme. For the wyse prevention and resistance wherof (lest any such Guld happen to be attempted) theyr highnes shalbe enforced not onely to mainteine a conueniente number, and nauye of shippes vpon the narrowe Seas, but also a great power and number of souldiours, to continue in diuers and sundry partes of the borders & frontiers of thys realme, redy prepared to al purposes, to resist al such malicious attemptes or inuasions, and to defend the liberty and honour thereof, which cannot be putte in order and redynes, withoute greatesummes of mony, to be defraied and employed for the same. And furthermore considering that the same shal not be onely for the suertye of their maiesties personnes (whon we pray to God maye longe raygne ouer vs,) and like wyse for the suertye of thys Realme, and theyr Maiesties lounge Subiectes of the same, but also maye be a greateserroure, feare, and discouragement to the sayd frenche kynge and Scottes, and all theyr confederates, and allies, to attempt any such inuasion or other enterpryse. Haue graunted vnto our said Soueraigne lady, her heyres and Successoures, one Subledye, and one .xv. and tenth. to be taxed, rated, and leuied of our goodes, cattels, landes, & tenementes, in maner and fourme as hereafter in this present acte is limited and conteyned. And albeit that we doubt not but þ our sayde most gracious Soueraigne lord and lady assure them selues, that we their gracious mooste louinge subiectes, knowe the same to be farre vnder the charges which theyr maiesties are like to susteine in this behalfe. Yet neuerthelesse we mooste humblye besech theyr highnes to accepte this our gyfte, as a declaration of our true and mooste faithfull hartes, who be, and by gods assistance alwayes shalbe, by all wayes and meanes, and in al respectes, ready to serue with al conformitie and obedience for the preservation of theyr mooste royall personnes, and defence and suerty of this theyr maiesties realme and dominions, as to the dutye of good and obedient subiectes apperteyneth.

Wherfore we the sayd lordes and commons, for the great & bigent considerations aforesayd, bi one hole assēt, by aucthoritie of this present parliament, do geue and graunt to our said Soueraigne Lady, the quenes highnes, her heires and Successoures, towarde the said gret costes and inestimable charges, one hole .xv. and tenth, to be paid, taken & leuied of the moueable goodes, cattels, and other thinges vsual to such .xv. and tenth, to be contributoye and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, & other places of this their maiesties realme, in maner and fourme afoze time bled, except the summe of sixe thousande pounde therof fully to be deducted of the Summe that



that one hole. xv. and tenth attepneth vnto, in releif, comfort and discharge of the poze cities, townes, & buroughes of this her said realme wasted, desolate, or distroied, or ouer greatly empouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time bene had and made vnto euery Shire, and to be deuided in suche maner and soyme as heretofore for one hole. xv. and tenth hath ben had and deuided.

And the sayd one hole. xv. and tenth, the exceptions and deductyons aforesayde therupon had, deducted, and allowed, to be payde in maner and soyme folowynge. That it to save, the hole. xv. and tenth, to be payde to her assignes in the receipt of her highnes eschequer, before the tenth day of Nouember next comminge.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the knightes elected and retogred of, & for the Shires within this realme for this presente Parliamente, Citezens of Cities, and Burgesles of Buroughes and townes, wher collectoures haue bene bled to be named and appointed for the collection of any. xv. and tenth, before this tyme graunted, shall name and appointe before the lasse daye of Auguste next comminge, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the said. xv. and tenth, in euery of the said Shyres, Cities, buroughes and townes, the sayde personnes then hauinge landes, teneimentes, and other hereditamentes, in his owne ryghte, of an estate of inheritaunce of the yearely value of tenne poundes, or in goodes worth one hundred poundes at the leasse. And also such person or persons, so by them to be named and appointed for the collection of the sayd. xv. and tenth, shalbe by them seuerally appointed and allotted into hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, cities, buroughs, and townes. And also the said personnes so named and appointed for the collection of the same. xv. & tenth, shalbe charged and chargeable vpon his or theyr accounte or accountes in the eschequer, to be made with all such summe or summes of mony, as the hundredes, rapes, wapentakes, cities, buroughes and townes wher he or they shal so happen to be appointed amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes.

And vpon the paymente of suche Summes of monye, as he shal be charged with, shall be dyscharged and haue hys quietus est, the none accountyng, or none payment of any other hys fellowes, or the insufficiencie of them or anye of them, notwithstandinge. And the names and surnames of euerye of the sayd Collectours, for the sayde xv. and tenth together, with the place allotted to theyr Collectiõ and charge, the said knightes, citezens, & Burgesles for the Shires, cities and buroughes wher vnto they be elected, named, and retogred, shall certifie before the kyng and quene in theyr chauncery, before the. xiii. daye of October nowe nexte folowynge, accoꝝdyng to the tenure of thys acte. And yf Defaulte of anye such certifieng be hadde or made, in

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fourme as is abouesayd, then the loyde Chauncellour of England for the time beinge, shall immediatly after, name and appointe Collectours for the collection of the same. xv. and tenth, in maner & fourme as the sayd knyghtes of the shyre, citezens of cities, and Burgesles of Boroughes shoulde haue doone, and as afoze tyme haue benne bled. The which sayd collectours and euery of them shall haue like allowaunces vpon theyr accountes, for theyr fees, wages, and rewardees for the collection of the sayde. xv. and tenth, in as large manner and fourme as anye collectoure or collectours of. xv. and tenth, haue had at anye season in time past. And that the barons of the king and queenes Eschequer for the time beyng, shall and maye from tyme to tyme award such proces for the spedye payment therof agaynste the collectoure and collectours of the same, as by theyr dyscretions shal be thought conuenient.

Wherbynt alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the sayd Lozde Chauncellour, knyghtes of the shyres, Citisens of Cities, and Burgesles of Burtoughes, Townes, and other places, halynge auctoritie by thys presente acte, to name and nominate the sayde Collectours, of, or for the sayde shetene and tenth, shal vpon theyr nomination and election hadde and made, take by auctoritie of this present parlamente, sufficiente recognisaunce, or by obligation of euery personne so by them to be named to be bounden to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties in the double Summe of theyr collection, and to be endorced vpon suche condition, that yf the sayde collectoure or collectours, doo truely content and paye to the use of the kyng and Quene in theyr recepyte of theyr Eschequer before the sayde tenth daye of Nouember nowe nexte ensuyng, so muche of the Summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as the same Collectoure shall haue collected and gathered. And do lyke wise after the sayde tenth daye of the moneth of Nouember, contente and paye to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties vles at the same recepyte, the resydue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shal haue gathered and collected the same resydue, that the the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or elles to stand in his full strength and vertue, which recognisaunce or obligatyns so taken, the sayde knyghtes of the Shyre, citisens and Burgesles, and euerye of theym, takyng anye suche recognisaunces or obligatyns, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lozde Treasurer and Barannes of the same Eschequer, before the sayde tenth daye of Nouember nowe nexte ensuyng, vpon paine of forfeyture of ten pound to the Queene for euerye recognisaunce or obligation soo to be taken and not certified.

And that euerye suche collectoure vpon request to hym made, shal make

make & knowledg the same recognisaunce or obligation accordyng  
lye, upon like payne and forfeiture of tenn pounde to the Quene for  
his refusall therof. And that the treasurer or Barons of the eschequer  
upon the payment of the same collection, or at the sayde daye, shal can-  
cell and deliuer the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to the sayd col-  
lectoure or collectoures, without any fee, or reward to be payd to any  
person for the same.

And furthermoze for the greate and weyghtye considerations a-  
foresayde, we the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons  
in this present Parlyament assembled, do by our like assente and au-  
thoritie of this Parlyament, geue and graunte to oure sayde Soue-  
raygne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and Successours, on  
entyre Subledy, to be rated, rated, leuyed, and payde at one hole and  
entyre paymente, of euerye personne Spirituall and Temporall, of  
what estate or degree he or they be, accordyng to the tenure of thys  
act, in manner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye, as well of eue-  
rye personne bozne within thys realme of Englande, Wales, or other  
the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guild, corpo-  
ration, Myllery, Brotherheade, and commynalte, corporated or not  
corporated, within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the que-  
nes dominions, beyng worth fyue pounde, for euerye pounde, as wel  
in coyne, and the valewe of euerye pounde that euerye suche personne  
Fraternitie, Gylde, Corporation, Myllery, Brotherhead, and com-  
mynalte, corporate or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any  
other to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of marchaundises, al ma-  
ner of corne and blades, householde stuffe, and of all other goodes mo-  
ueable, as well within the Realme as without, and of al such summes  
of money as to him or them is or shalbe owing, wherof he or they trust  
in his or their consciences surely to be payd (except and oute of the pre-  
misses deducted such summes of monye as he or they owe, and in his  
or theyr consciences truly intendeth to paye, and except also the ap-  
parell of suche personnes, theyr wyues and chyldren belongynge to  
theyr owne bodies, sauinge Jewelles, golde, syluer, stone and pearle)  
shal pay to and for the sayde Subledy, two shillings eighte pence of  
euery pounde.

And also of euerye alien bozne oute of the Queenes obeyssaunce,  
as well Denizen as other, inhabitinge within the Realme of euerye  
pounde that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euerye pounde  
in plate, corne, graine, marchaundise, household stuffe or other goods  
Jewelles, cattelles, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforesayde, as well  
within this Realme as without, and of al summes of money to him or  
them owing, wherof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience or con-  
sciencys to be payde (except and of the same premisses deducted euery  
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such summe of summes of monye whiche he or they doo owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intendeth truly to pay, shal pay of and for every pounce, to and for the payment of the sayd Subledye fyue shyllinges.iii.d. for every pound.

And also that every alien and straunger, bozne oute of the queenes dominions, beyng denizen or not denizen, not beinge contributozpe to anye of the rates abouesayde, shal paye to and for the paymente of the sayd Subledye, eyght pence for every poll, and the mayster, or he or she with whome the same alien is or shaibe abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the same for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery person bozne vnder the queenes obeyssaunce, and every coppozation, fraternitie, gylde, misterye, brotherhed, and comminaltye, copporate or not copporate, for every pounce that every of the same personnes, and every coppozation, fraternitie, gylde, mystry, brotherhead, and comminaltie, copporate or not copporate, or anye other to his or their vse hath in fee simple, fee taylor, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by executyon, wardshyppe, or by coppe of court roll, of and in any honoures, castels, Manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearelye profyttes, of the yearelye value of twenty shyllinges, as well within aunciente demeane, as other places pyppyled, as ells where, and soo by wardes, shal paye to and for the paymente of the sayd Subledye, foure shyllinges of every pound.

And every alien bozne oute of the Queenes obeyssaunce, in suche case, to paye at the sayd payment eyght shyllinges of every pounce.

And that all summes presented and chargeable by this act, either for goodes and debtes, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this acte conteyned, shalbe at the sayd painente set and taxed after the rate and portion, accordyng to the true meanyng of thys acte (landes and tenementes chargeable to the dysmes of the clergye, and yearelye wages due to seruauntes for their yerely seruice (other then the king and Queenes seruauntes takynge yearelye wages of fyue pounds or aboue, onely except and forpyssed.) And that all plate, coyne, iuelles, goodes, debtes, and cattelles personalls, beyng in the onely custodye of anye personne and personnes, to the vse of anye coppozation, fraternitie, Gylde, misterye, brotherhead, or anye comminaltye, beyng copporate or not copporate, be and shal be rated set, & charged by reason of thys act, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, to be twozne of euery pounce in goodes and debtes as is abouesayde. And of every pounce in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearely profittes, as is abouesayd.

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And the sommes that are befoze rehearsed, sette, and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue such goodes in custodie, or otherwise charged for lands as is befoze rehearsed. And the same personne, or personnes, and bodie corporate by the auctoritie of this acte, shall be discharged agaynst him or them that shall or oughte to haue the same at the tyme of the paymente, or deliuerie thereof, or at his other wyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same, receypte and alwaies forpyssed from the charge and assessment of this subledye, all goodes, cattells, Jewells, and ornaments of Churches and chappels, which haue bene ordeyned and vied in Churches or chappels, for the honoure and seruyce of almighty God. And this payment of the said subledye shall be by auctoritie aforesayd, taxed, assessed, and rated accordinge to this acte, in euerye Shyre, Rydyng, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, & euery other place within this realme of England and Wales, and other the Quenes Dominions, befoze the last day of Apryl next commyng.

And the particuler Summes of euery Shyre, Rydyng, Burrough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for, and to the paymente of the sayde subledye, to be taxed and sette by the commissioners to the same lympmitted, or two of them at the leaste, with the names of the highe Collectoures, and in the same fourme shall be certified in the kynge and Quenes Eschequer, befoze the laste daye of Maye nexte commynge, with the names of the high Collectoures of the same. And the sayde Summes in maner and fourme aforesayde, to be taxed for the paymente of the sayde subledye, shall be payde in the king and Quenes Receipte of the Eschequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraygne Ladye, befoze the xxiii. daye of June nexte commynge. And the Summes of and for the sayde subledye, shall be taxed, sette asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuyed, and payde to the vse of our sayde Soueraygne Ladye, and her heires and Successours in forme abouesayde, as wel within the liberties, fraunchises, Saynctuaries, aunciente demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempte or not exempte, as withoute (excepte suche Shyres, places and personnes as shall be forpyssed in and by this presente acte) anye graunte, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes or other prouidege, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vied, or obteyned notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyamente, that euerye such personne, as well suche as be bozne vnder the quenes obeyssaunce, as euerye other person Straunger bozne, denizen or not denizen inhabitinge within this realme, or within Wales,

of other the Quenes dominions, which at the tyme of the same asseſſinge or taxation to be hadde or made, ſhall be out of this realme, and oute of wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees or annuities, or other profites within this realme, or in wales, ſhal be charged and chargeable for the ſame, by the certificate of the inhabytauntes of the parties where ſuch goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then ſhal be, or in ſuch other place, where ſuche perſonne or his factoure deputie or attorneye, ſhall haue hys mooste reſoyte vnto within this realme or in wales, in lyke maner as yf the ſayde perſonne were or hadde ben at the tyme of the ſayde asseſſynge within thys Realme. And that euerye perſonne abydyng or dwellyng within this Realme, or withoute this Realme, ſhal be charged or chargeable to the ſame Subſedye, graunted by thys Acte, accordynge, and after the rate of ſuche yearelye ſubſtaunce, or valewe of landes and tenementes, goodes, and cattelles, and other the premisses, as euery perſonne ſo to be charged ſhal be ſet at the time of the ſaid asseſſinge or taxation bypon hym to be made, and in none other wyſe.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that for the asseſſinge and orderinge of the ſayde Subſedye to be duelye hadde, the Lorde Chauncelloure of Englande, or the keper of the greate Seale, the Lorde Tresurer of Englande, the Lorde Steward of the kynge and Quenes honorable Houſeholde, the Lorde president of the kynge and Quenes honorable Counsaile, the lord priuie Seale for the tyme beinge, or two of them at the least, wherof the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beinge, to be one, ſhall and maye name and appoynte, of and for euery Shyre and ryding, and other places aswell within this realme as in wales, and other the Quenes dominions, and also of a for euerye Citty and Towne, beinge a countye in it ſelfe, and of, and for the Ile of Wight, ſuch certeyne number of perſonnes, of euery of the ſaid Shires, Rydinges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Ile of Wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of the ſame, to be Commiſſioners with in the ſame, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of, and for the honorable houſeholde of the Quenes Maieſtie, and the Lady Elizabeths grace, in what Shires or other places, the ſayde houſeholdes ſhal happen then to be. And the Lorde Chauuclloure and other with him beſore named in lyke maner, maye name and appoynte of euerye other ſuche Burroughe, and towne corporate, aswell in England as in wales and other the Quenes dominions as they ſhall thinke requiſite ſixe, fyue, foure, thre, or two of the heade officers, and other ſadde honeſte inhabitauntes of euery of the ſayde Cities, Burroughes, and Townes Corporate, accordynge



cordynge to the number and multitude of people beyng in the same. The which personnes yf anye suche be thereunto named, of the sayde inhabytauntes of the sayde Burroughes, and Townes Corporate, not beyng countyes in them selves, shalbe loyned and putte in as commissyoners, with the personnes named for suche Shyres, and Rydynges, as the sayde Burroughes, and townes corporate, not beyng countyes in them selves, be set and haue their beyng, which persons so named for a of þ said burroughes, & townes corporate, not being countyes, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon the none of the to put any part of their commissyon in executio for the pmisses oute of the said Burroughes and Towne Corporate, wherein they beyng so named onelye for the same be dwellinge. And also not to execute the sayde commissyon within the Burrough or Towne Corporate, wher they be so dwellinge, but at suche dayes, and tymes as the sayde other commissyoners for the same Shyre, and Rydyng shall thereto lymitte and appoynte, within the same Burrough or town Corporate, not beyng countye corporate, whereof they soo be, and not oute of suche Burrough or town, and in that maner to be aydyng and assyng with the said other commissyoners, in, and for the good executynge of the effecte of the sayd commissyon, vpon payne of euery of the sayde commissioners soo named for euerye suche Cytye Burrough, and town corporate, not being a counti, to make such fine as the sayd other commissioners in the commissyon, of a for þ said Shyre or rydyng so named, or thre of them at the least, shall by theyr discretions sette and certifie into the kynge and Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of her Maiestie, in lyke manner as suche or lyke Sommes hadde bene sette and rated vpon euerye suche personne for the sayd Subsedye. The which commissyoners soo named of and for the sayde Cities, Burroughes, and Townes not being countyes, and onely putte in the sayde commissyon by reasonne of theyr dwellinge in the same, shall not haue anye part of the portion of the fees, and rewardes of the commissyoners and their clerkes, in thys acte afterwarde specyfyed. And the lord Chauncelloure of Englande, and keeper of the kynge and Queenes greates Seale for the tyme beyng, shall make and directe oute of the court of Chauncerye, vnder the kinges & queenes greates Seale, seuerall commissyons. That is to saye, to euery Shyre, Rydyng, Lath, wapentake, Rape, cytie, town, Burrough, Isle, and householde, vnto such personne and personnes, as by his discretion and other with hym afore named and appoynted in lyke maner and forme as is afore rehearsed, shal be thought sufficiente for the leassynge and leuyng of the same Subsedye, in al shyres, and places, accordynge to the true meanyng of thys acte. Whiche Commissyon for the paymente of the sayde Subsedye, shall be dyrected and delyuered

lyuered: to the sayd commissioners, or to one of them before the fyfte daye of Apryll next comynge, and to euerye of the sayde commys-  
sions tenne Sedules, conteynynge in them the tenoure of thys acte,  
shall be affiled, by the which commysyon the commissioners in euery  
suche Commysion, named, accordynge to thys acte, and as manye of  
them as shall be appoynted by the same Commysyon, shall haue full  
powet and auctoritie to putte the effecte of the same commysyon in  
execution.

And that by the auctoritie of this acte, after such commysyon to  
them dyrected, they maye by thei assentes and agrementes, seuer the  
selues for the execution of their commysion in hundzedes, Lathes,  
wardes, and rapes, wapentakes, to wones, parishes, and other places  
withyn the lymittes of thei sayde commysyon, in suche fourme as to  
them shall seme expedient to be ordered, and betwene them to be com-  
moned and agreed, accordynge to the tenoure and effecte of the com-  
mysyon to them therein dyrected. Upon which seuerance euery per-  
sonne of this present parliament that shalbe commysyoner, shalbe as-  
signed in the hundzed wherin he dwelleth.

PROVIDED alwaies that no personne be or shal be compelled to be  
any commissioner, to and for the execution of thys presente acte, but  
only in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabyteth. And that eue-  
ry person beyng assigned to the contrary therof, in anye wyse shal not  
be compelled to put in execution the effecte of thys acte, or anye parte  
therof.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament  
that the commissioners and euerye of them whiche shalbe named, ly-  
mitted and appoynted accordynge to this acte, to be Commissioners in  
euery such Shyre, Riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, towne, bur-  
roughe, Isle, and the same householdes, or any other places, and none  
other shal truely, effectuallye, and diligentlye for thei parte, execute  
the effecte of thys presente acte, accordynge to the tenoure thereof in  
euery behalfe, and noo other wyse by anye other meanes, wythoute  
omission, fauour, dreade, malyce, or any other thynge to be attempted  
and done by them or any of them to the contrary thereof. And þ same  
Commysyoners and as many of them as shalbe appointed by þ same  
commysion, and none other for the execution of the same Commysion  
and acte, shall for the taxation of the same payment of the sayd Subli-  
die before the .vi. daye of Apryll next comynge, by vertue of the com-  
missions deliuered vnto them in fourme abouesayde, directe their se-  
uerall or ioynte precepte vnto eyght, seuen, sixe, fyue, foze, or thre or mo,  
as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the mooste  
substanciall discrete, and honest persons inhabitauntes, to be named  
by the sayde commissioners, or by as manye of them as shalbe appoin-  
ted

ted by the sayd commission, of and in hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, parishes, to wones, and other places, as well wythin libertyes, fraunchyses, auncient demeane, places exempted, and saintuaries as withoute, within the limittes of the shires, rydinges, lathes wapentakes, rapes, Cities, Townes, Burroughes, or Ile aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of theyr commission, vnto the constables, subconstables, Baylyffes, and other lyke officers, or ministers of euery of the same hundredes, townes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, parishes, and other places before sayd, as to the same Commyssioners and euerye number of them, or vnto thre or two of them by theyr discretion in diuision shall seme expedient, as by the maner & vse of that parties shalbe requisite. Strayghtely by the same precepte chargeinge and commaundyng the same inhabitauntes, constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whome suche precepte shalbe soo dyrected, to appeare in their proper personnes, before the sayde Commyssioners, or such number of them as they shall deuyde them selves, according to the tenour of the sayde Commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde commyssioners or any number of them as is aforesayde, within Cities, Burroughes, and townes Corporate, or withoute in any other place, as is aforesayde, by theyr discretions, shall be lymytted ther vnto, to doo and accomplyshe al that to them on the partye of the kynge and Quenes maiesties, shalbe enioyned touchyng thys acte.

Commaundyng further by the same precepte, that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabytauntes or officers named in the sayde precepte, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vpon payne of fortye shyllinges, to be forfeyted to the Quenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeyned by the auctoritie of thys presente parlyamente, that euerye of the Commyssioners then beyng, in the shire, and hauynge noo suffyciente excuse for hys absence, shall at the daye and place presyced, for that parte where vnto he was lymytted to appeare in hys proper personne. And there the same Commyssioners beyng presente, or as manye as shalbe appoynted by the kynge and quenes Commyssyon, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabytauntes, and officers, to whome they haue dyrected theyr sayde preceptes, and whych hadde in commaundement there to appeare by the sayde precepte of the sayde Commyssioners, and yf anye person soo warned make defaulte, onles he then be letten by sickenes or lawfull excuse, and that let then be wytnessed by the othes of twoo credible personnes, or yf anye appearynge, refuseth to be sworn in fourme solowynge, to forfeyte to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, fortye shyllinges, and soo at euery tyme appoynted by the sayde commyssioners, for the sayde ratifications, vnto such tyme, the number of euerye suche per-



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sonnes, haue appeared and certified in fourme vnderwritten, and eue  
rye of them, so makynge defaulte, or refusynge to be swoorne, to forseyte  
to the kynge and queenes Maiesties, forseye shyllynge. And vpon the  
same apparaunce had, one of the most substantiall inhabytauntes, or  
officer so beyng warned and appearynge before the sayd commissyo-  
ners, shalbe swoorne vpon a boke, openly before the commissyoners in  
fourme folowynge. I shal truly enqurye with my felowes that shalbe  
charged with me of the hundrede, wapentake, warde, towne or other  
place, of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person dwel-  
lynge and abydynge within the limittes of the places, that I and my  
felowes shalbe charged with, and of other, which shal haue his or their  
most resorte vnto anye of the sayde places, and chargeable wyth anye  
summe of monye, by thys acte of the sayde subbedye, and of al other arti-  
cles that I shalbe charged with touchynge the sayd act, and accoꝝding  
to the intents of the same. And therevpon as nere as it maye be, or shal  
come to my knowledge, truly to present and certifye before you the  
names, surnames, and the beste and vttermooste substaunce and va-  
lues, of euerye of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other heredi-  
tamentes, possessions, and proffyttes, as of goodes, cattelles, debtes, &  
other thynges, chargeable by the sayde acte, withoute anye counceyle-  
mente, loue, sauoure, affection, dreade, feare, or malyce, as neare as god  
wyll geue me grace, so helpe me God and the holpe contentes of thys  
boke.

AND euerye other person that shal appear there by the same pre-  
ceptes shal make like othe, and vpon the othe so taken as is aforesayd,  
by the inhabytauntes and officers of euery hundred, warde, wapentake  
towne, or other place, the sayde commissyoners, shal openly there rede  
or cause to be red vnto them the sayde rates, and openly declare the ef-  
fect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought  
and shoulde make their certifycate, accoꝝding to the rates and summes  
thereof abouesayde, and of all maner of personnes, as well of alpengs &  
straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabytyng within thys realme  
as of such personnes as be borne vnder the Quenes obeysaunce char-  
geable to thys acte.

And of the possessions goodes and cattels, of fraternities, guildes  
corporations, brotherhedes, milleryes, and comminaltyes, and other  
as is abouesayde, and of persones beyng in the partyes of beyond the  
Seas, haupnge goodes or cattells, landes, or tenementes, within this  
Realme as is aforesayd. And of all goodes beyng in the custody of anye  
personne or personnes, to thuse of anye other as is abouesayde, by the  
whyche information, and shewynge the said personnes shuld haue such  
playne knowledge of the true intente of thys presente Acte, and of the  
maner of their certifycate, that the same persones, shal haue no reason-  
nable

nable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such othe and the Statute of the sayd Subledye, and the maner of the sayde certificate to be made in wytyng, conteyninge the names and surnames of euery personne, and whyther they be bozne withoute the Quenes obeyesauce or within, and the best value of euery personne, in euery degree, as well of yearely value of landes and tenementes, and of such lyke possession and profittes, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thing to the certificate requisite and necessary to them declared, the sayde Commysyoners there beyng, shal by theyr discretions apoint and lymyte vnto the sayde personnes an other daye and place to appeare before the sayd commissioners, and charging the sayd personnes that they in the meane time shall make diligent enquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euerye of them vpon payne of forseynture of .xl. s. to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, to appeare at the sayd newwe prefixed daye, and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in wytyng, accoꝝding to theyr sayde charge and accoꝝdyng to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subledye, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath bene declared and shewed by the commissioners. At which daye and place soo to them prefixed, yf anye of the sayde persons make defaulte, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that then euery of them so offendinge, to forseyte to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, forty shyllynges, excepte onely a reasonable excuse of hys defaulte, by reason of sickenes, or other wyse by the othes of two credible personnes, there witnessed be had. And of suche as appeare ready to make certificate, as is aforesayd, the sayd commissioners there beyng shall take and receaue the same certificate, and euery parte therof, and the names and values, and substaunce of euery person so certified. And if the same Commysyoners see cause reasonable they shall examen the sayde presenters thereof, and therbypon the sayde commissioners at the sayd dayes and place, by theyr agreement emonges them selves, shall from time to tyme openly there prefixe a daye at a certayne place or places within the limittes of theyr Commysyon by theyr discretion, for theyr further procedinge to the sayd assessing of the sayde Subledye, and therebypon at the sayde day of the said certificate as is aforesayde taken, the same Commysyoners shall make theyr precepte or preceptes to the constables, subconstables, Baylyffes or other officers of suche hundredes, wapentakes, towtines, or other places aforesayde, as the same commissioners shall be of, compysynge and conteynynge in the same precepte, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde certificate, of whome yf the sayde commissioners or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the kynge and quenes commission, shall then haue behement suspect to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattelles, or

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summes of monye o'wpyng to them, or other substaunce befoze said, the  
 vpon suche personne or personnes shalbe certified, the same commissio-  
 ners shall make theyr precepte or preceptes, directed to the constables,  
 baylyffes, or other officers, to whō such precept shalbe directed, coman-  
 ding the same constables, bailiffes, or other officers, to warne such per-  
 sonnes whose names shalbe comprised in the sayd precept, at their mā-  
 sions, or to theyr personnes, that the same persons named in suche pre-  
 ceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare befoze the sayd com-  
 missioners, at the same newe prefixed day and place, there to be exami-  
 ned by al wayes and meanes by the saide commissioners, of theyr grea-  
 test substaunce and best value, and of all and euerye summes of money  
 o'wpyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernynge the pre-  
 mises or anye of them, accor'dynge to this Acte. At whiche daye and  
 place so prefixed, the sayde commissioners then there beyng, or as ma-  
 ny of them as shall be there vnto appoynted by the kynge and Quenes  
 commission, shall cause to be called the sayde personnes, whose names  
 shalbe comprised in the sayde precepte, as is befozesayde, for theyr exa-  
 mination. And if any of those personnes whiche shoulde be warned as  
 is befozesayde to be examyned, whyche at anye tyme after the war-  
 nyng, and befoze the prefixed daye, shalbe within such place wher he  
 maye haue knowledg of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make de-  
 faulte and appeare not, onles a reasonable cause, or elles a reasonable  
 excuse by the othes of two credible personnes befoze the sayde commis-  
 sioners be truly alledged for his discharge, that then euerye of them so  
 makynge defaulte, to be taxed to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties,  
 with and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or oughte  
 to haue ben sette at for and after the beste value of hys landes, or sub-  
 staunce vpon him certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the  
 commissioners there beyng. And whiche commissioners shall trauell  
 with euery of the personnes so then and there appearynge, whose na-  
 mes shall be expessed in the sayde precepte or preceptes, and in whome  
 anye vehement suspecte was or shall be hadde, in fourme afozesayde, by  
 all suche wayes and meanes they can. And that euerye spirituall per-  
 son at the sayde taxations of the sayde Subledye, shall be rated and set  
 accor'dinge to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euerye pounce that the  
 same spirituall person or any other to his vse, hath by discent, bargayne  
 or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by ex-  
 ecution, by warde, or by copy of courte rolle, in any manours, landes,  
 tenementes, rentes, seruices, offices, fees, cozrodies, annuities, or here-  
 ditamentes, after the true, iuste, and yearelye value thereof, after, and  
 accor'dinge as other the kynge and Quenes Maiesties subiectes, born  
 within this realme be charged in fourme aboue remembred. So that  
 it extende to the yearelye value of twentye shyllynge or aboue. And yf  
 anye



any person certified or rated by vertue of thys acte. be he commissioner or other to anye manner of value, dothe finde hym selfe greued wth the same presentment, seassynge, or tasinge, and thereupon complayne to the commysponers before whome he shalbe rated, leased, or taxed, or before two of them. That then the said commissioners shal by al waies and meanes examen perticulerly and distinctiue the personne so complaynyng, and other his neyghbours by their discretion, of euery hys landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euerye his goodes, catelles, and dettes, aboue mentioned, and after due examynation and perfitte knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the sayd commysponers, whiche shall haue power by the auctorite aforesayde, the sayde commissioners or two of them, to whom anye suche complaynte shalbe made, by theyr discretions vpon the oth of the sayde personne so complaynyng, maye abate, defalke, encrease or enlarge the same assessement accordynge as it shall appeare vnto them iuste vpon the same examynation. And the same Summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, to be treated in fourme as hereafter enlouth, so that he come before the estreates of the same assesseynge be deliuered by the sayde commissioners, into the kyng and Quenes maiesties eschequer. And if it be proued by wytnesse, hys owne confession, or other lawefull wayes or meanes, within a yere after anye such oth made, that the same person so rated and sworne was of any better or greter value in landes, goodes or other thynges aboue specified at the tyme of hys sayd oth, then the same person so sworne did declare vpon hys sayd oth, that then euerye such person so offending, shall lose and forfeyte to the kyng and Quenes maiesties so much in lawefull mony of England, as the sayd person so sworne was set at or taxed to paye. And al persons set, rated, and taxed as is aforesayde, shalbe bound and charged by the same, and the somme or sommes vpon hym set to be due towarde the payment of the sayde Subledye and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

And also it is enacted by the same auctorite, that euery person to be taxed at the same taxation as is aforesaid, shalbe rated taxed and set and the somme on him set to be leuied at such place wher he and his familye at the tyme of the same presentmente to be made, shall kepe hys house or dwelling, or where he then shalbe mooste conuersaunte abydynge and resyaunt, or shal haue hys most resorte, and shalbe best known, at the tyme of the sayd certifficate to be made, and no where els. And that no commysponer for thys Subledye shalbe rated or taxed for his goodes, or landes, but in the Shire and other place where he shall be commissioner. And that yf any person chargeable to thys acte, the tyme of the sayde assesseynge, happen to be out of this realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen, then he to be sette where he was last abydynge in thys Realme, or within Wales.

and best known, and after the substance and value, and other profits of every person known, by the certification, certificate, and other manner of wyle as is aforesayd. The sayde commissioners or as manye of them, as shalbe appointed by the kyng and quenes Majesties commission, shall after the rate aforesayd, set and take every person, accordyng to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, goodes, and other profittes, whereby the gretest and most best somme accordyng to hys mooste substance, by reasonne of thys acte myghte or maye be sette or taxed.

And also that every such person, which shalbe set or taxed for payment of, and to thys Subsidye, for and after the petye value of hys landes, tenementes, and other real possession or profittes, at the sayde taxation, shall not be sette and taxed, for hys goodes and cattells or other moveable substance, at the same taxation. And that he that shall be charged or taxed for the same Subsidye, for hys goodes, cattells and other moveables at the same taxation, shall not be charged taxed or chargeable for hys landes, or other real possessions, or profittes afove sayd, at the same taxation, nor that any personne be double charged for the sayd Subsidye, neither set or taxed at severall places, by reason of thys acte, any thing contained in this presente act notwithstandinge. And that it be ordeyned by the same authoritie of thys presente parliament, that no person havinge two mansions, or two places to resort unto, or calling him selfe householde fornaunt, or waitinge fornaunt to the kyng and quenes Majesties, or other lord or lady, master or maisters, be excluded upon hys sayinge from the tafe of the said Subsidye in wytyng from the commissioners, whet that he is so sette in dede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set by reason of hys remoning, or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his sayinge that he ells where was taxed, or by reason of any privilege by his dwelling or abydinge in any place not beinge forwyled in thys acte, or other wyle by hys couny or craft happen to escape from the sayd taxations, and default, and that proved by presentment examination or informacion before the same commissioners, or as manye of them as shalbe by the sayde commission appointed, or by the Barons of the kyng and quenes Majesties eschequer, or two iudices of the peace of the countye where such person dwelleth, then everye suche person that by suche meanes or other wyle wylkinge by cotine shall happen to escape from the sayde taxation or payment aforesayd, and not be rated, taxed, or sette, shalbe charged upon the knowledge and proffe thereof, with and at the double value that he shoulde or ought to have bene set at afove, accordyng to his substance, the same double value to be taxed gathered, and payed of hys goodes and cattells, landes, and tenementes, towards the sayde

sayde Sublede, and further to be pmysshed accordyng to the discrecy-  
ons of the barons, iustices and commissyoners before whom he shalbe  
corrupted for hys offence and deceite in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by thaurthoritie aforesayd, that the said  
commyssioners of every commission shall accordyng to the divisions  
and after they be deuided haue full power and auctoritie by thys act,  
to set tax and lesse euerye other commissiouner ioyntly with them in euery  
such commissioun and diuision. And shall also assesse euerye assessor,  
within their diuysion for hys and theys goodes, landes, and other the  
pymises as is abovesayd, by the whych sayde commissioun the sayde  
commissiouners, shall indifferently set taxe and lesse them selves and the  
sayde assessours, and that aswell the summes upon euerye of the sayde  
commissiouners and assessorys shoulde be rated, and taxed as the  
summes made and presented by the presenters twynne as is aforesayd,  
shalbe wyrtten certified and estreated. And the estreaters thereof to  
be made with other the inhabytauntes of the parties, within the ly-  
mites of the same commissioun and diuysion, so to be gathered and leui-  
ed in lyke maner as it ought or shoulde haue bene, yf the sayd commissi-  
oner had not bene in the sayde commissioun. And that all persons of the  
estate of a Baron or barons, and euery estate aboue shalbe charged w<sup>th</sup>  
their frehold and value as is aforesayd, by the chauncellour or keper of  
the great Seale, Tresurer of England, lord president of the kyng and  
quenes maiesties pryvy counsell, and lord pryvy Seale, for the tyme  
beyng, or other persons by the kyng and quenes maiesties auctoritie,  
to be limited, and they to be charged for the sayd furall payments of  
the sayde Sublede, after the fourme of the sayde graunte accordyng  
to the taration aforesayd, and the summes byen them sette with the  
names of the Collectoures appointed for the gatherynge and payng  
of the same, to be estreated, deliuered, and certified at dayes and pla-  
ces aboue spetsyfied, by the lord Chauncellours, tresurer, lord president  
of the counsell, and lord pryvy Seale for the tyme beyng, or such other  
persons, as shalbe limited by the kyng and quenes maiesties, and af-  
ter the taxes and assesses of the sayd summes upon and by the sayd as-  
sessynge and certificate as is aforesayd made, the sayd commissiouners  
or as many of them as shalbe there vnto appointed by the kyng and  
quenes maiesties commissioun, shall with al spede and without delaye,  
by the wytyng estreated of the sayde taxe thereof, under the Seale &  
signes manuell of the sayd commissiouners, or of as manye of them as  
shall be appointed at & lest to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient &  
substauncyall inhabytauntes constables, subconstables, Bayliffes, and  
other officers, ioyntly of hundredes, to wones, parishes and other pla-  
ces aforesayd, within their limites, or to other sufficient personnes  
inhabytauntes of the same cuntry by the discrecion of the same commissi-  
oners



tioners, and as the place and parties shall require, aswel the perticuler names as surnames, as the remembrance of all summes of monye, taxed and sette of and vpon every person aswel man as woman chargeable to thys acte, householder and al other inhabitants and dwellers within the sayd parishes, townes, and places contributory to this acte of Subsidye. By auctoritie of whiche writinge or estate, so deliuered, the sayde officers and other personnes so named and deputed severally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of thys acte immediately after the deliuerie of the sayde writinge or estate, to demaunde leue and gather of every person therein specified, the summe of Summes in the same writinge or estate compysed. And for none payment thereof to distrayne the same personne or personnes so beynge behynde by theyr goodes and chattells. And the distresse so taken to kepe by the space of epyght dayes at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayd owner do not paye suche summe of monye as shalbe taxed by thys acte within the same viii dayes, then the same distresse to be appraised by foure, three, or two of the inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayd constable and other collectours for the paymente of the sayde monye, and the ouerplus compynge of the sale and keepinge thereof yf anye be, to be immediately restored to the owner of the same distresse which sayde officers and other personnes so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leue the sayde Summes, shall answer and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned or limited, to be gathered, leuied and compysed in the sayde writinge or estate to them as is before said deliuered, to thuse our Soueraygne Lady the Quenes Maiesie, and her heires and successours. And the sayd summe in that writinge or estate compysed to paye vnto the highe collector or collectors of that place for the collection of the same in maner and forme vnderwrytten, therevnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitants and officers so gathered the same perticuler summes, for theyr collection thereof shal retayne for every twenty shyllynges, so by them receued and payd twopence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made, by the hygh collector or collectours.

And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde commissioners or the more parte of them as shall take vpon them the execution and besynes of the sayde commissyon, shall for the same payment of the sayde subsidye, name such sufficient and able persons, whych then shal haue and possesse landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right of the yearly value of twenty poundes, or goodes to the value of two hundrede markes at the least, and the personnes severally by the discretions of the same commissioners, in viresidinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporat, and other whatsoeuer places  
aswell

aswel in places priuiledged as without, not beyng forpyssed within thys act to be high collectours, & haue the collection & receipt of þe said summes set & leuiable within the precinct, limit, and bonds wher thei shalbe so limited to gather and receiue. So euery of the which collectors so seuerally named, the said commissioners or two of them at the lest shal be alspede and without delay after the said whole summe of the said subledye, be set by al the limits of the same thei comission, or in such limits as the high collectors shalbe so seuerally assigned, shal vnder their seales, and signes manuel deliuer one estreate indented in parchment to euery of the said high collectors, comprising in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leuy the sayd perticuler summes, and the summes of euery hundred, wapentake, towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable according to the estrete so first therof made as is aforesaid, and deliuered, and the collectors so to be assigned, shalbe charged to answer the hole summe comprised in the said estreate limited to his collection as is aforesaid.

Þe provided alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayd commissioners hauing aucthoritie by this act to name and nominate the sayd high collectors of the sayd subledye, shall immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by aucthoritie of this presente parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without any fee, or rewarde to be payde therfore of euery person soo by them to be named to be high collectours, to be bound to the kyng and quenes maiesties, in double summe of the summe of hys collectiõ, and to be indorced and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collectiõ of þe same palment of the sayd subledye, that if the sayd collector his heires or executors do truely content and paye to the vse of the quenes maiestie, her heires or executors, in receipt of the sayd eschequer before the said. xiiij. Daye of June next comming, so much of the sayd summe of mony allotted and appoynted to hys collection, as he shall collect and gather, and contente and paye the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected þe same residue, that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stand in full strength and vertue, whiche sayde recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the sayd commissioners shall seuerallye certpye and delpyer into the king and quenes maiesties eschequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayd taxations and rates of the paiementes of the sayd subledye, at and by the tyme to them prescrybed and appointed by thys act, for the certificate of the taxation of the sayd subledye, vpon payne of forseyture of. x. poundes to the kyng and quenes maiesties, for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified, and that euery such collector so elected named and chosen, vpon request to hym made, shall knowlege & make the said recognisaunce or obligation, vpon like pain of forseyture of. x. pounds to the king & quenes maiestie for þe refusal therof.

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And euery such collectoꝝ so deputed hauing the said estreate in perche-  
ment as is aforesaid, shall haue auctoritie by this act, to appoint dayes  
and places within the circute of his collection foꝝ the payment of þ̄ said  
subsidy to him to be made, and thereof to geue warnyng by proclama-  
tion oꝝ otherwysse to al the sayd constables oꝝ other persons oꝝ inhaby-  
taunts, hauyng the charge of the perticuler collectiō within the hundze  
des, paryshes, towne, oꝝ other places by him oꝝ them limited to make  
payment foꝝ theyꝝ sayde perticuler collection of euery summe as to the  
shal apertayne, and if at the said day and place so limited and prefixed  
by the sayd collectoure, the sayd constable, officer, oꝝ other persons oꝝ in-  
habitautes as is beforesayd, foꝝ the said perticuler collection appoin-  
ted & assigned within such hundred, citie, towne, oꝝ other place, do not  
pay vnto the sayd collectoures the sūme within their seueral hundzeds  
townes, paryshes, and other places due & comprised in the said estreate  
therof to them deliuered by the said comissioners oꝝ some of them as is  
aforesayd, oꝝ so much therof as they haue by any meanes receued. ii. d.  
of euery pounce, foꝝ the sayd perticuler collection as is beforesayde, al-  
wayes to be thereof allowed, excepted, and abated, that then it shal be  
laweful to the said high collectoures and euery of them, and to theyꝝ as-  
signes, to distrayne euery of the sayd constables, officers, and other in-  
habitautes, foꝝ theyꝝ sayd seueral and perticuler collections of the said  
summes comprised in the said estreat and writting thereof, to them and  
euery of the, as is befoze expessed, deliuered, oꝝ foꝝ as much of the same  
summe as so then shal happen to be gathered and leuied, and be behind  
and vnpayd by the goods and cattels of euery of them so being behind,  
and the distress so taken, to be kept, apprayed, and sold as is aforesaid, &  
thereof to take and leuy the summes so then being behind and vnpaid,  
and the ouerplus coming of the sale of the saide distress if anye be, to be  
restored and deliuered vnto the owner in fourme aboue remembred.

Þrouyded alwayes that no person inhabytyng in any citie, borough  
oꝝ towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessour oꝝ collectoꝝ, of  
oꝝ foꝝ any part of the said subsidy, in any place oꝝ places out of the sayde  
citie, borough, oꝝ towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the said auctoritie enacted, þ̄ if any inhabitaunt oꝝ  
officer, oꝝ whatsoeuer person oꝝ persons charged to and foꝝ the collec-  
tion oꝝ receypt of any part oꝝ portion of the sayd Subsidy, by any ma-  
ner of meanes accoꝝdyng to this acte, oꝝ any person oꝝ persons foꝝ the  
selues, oꝝ as keper, gardian, deputy, factour, oꝝ attourney, of oꝝ foꝝ anye  
other person oꝝ personnes, of anye goodes and cattelles of the owner  
thereof at the tyme of the sayde assessing to be made, beyng out of thys  
realme, oꝝ in anye other parties not knowen, oꝝ of and foꝝ the goodes  
and cattels of anye other person oꝝ personnes, of anye corporatyon, fra-  
ternity, mistery, oꝝ other whatsoeuer cominaltye, beyng incoꝝporate,  
oꝝ not incoꝝporate, and al personnes hauyng in theyꝝ rule, gouernaunce  
and



and custody any goodes or cattells at the tyme of the sayde assessing to be made or whych for any cause for and by collection, or for him selfe, or for anye other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custodye of anye goodes or cattells of any other person or persons, corporation, cominalty, or fraternitie, gupid, or mistery, or any such other like, or as factoure deputye or attorney of or for anye persō, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, & set in anye summe or summes by reason of this acte, and after the taxation or assessing by or any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattells be so elained, or in such pryue and couerte maner kepte as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreats or other wyptynges from the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the sayd commission as is aforesayde, canne ne maye leuye the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreate by distress within the limits of their collection as aforesayd, or cannot sel such distress or distresses as be taken for any of the same paymentes, before the time limited to the hygh collectoure for his paymente to be made in the kynge and Queenes maiesties receipt, then vpon relation thereof made, with due examination by the oth or examination of such personne or personnes, as shalbe charged with or for the receypte or collection of the same before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shal be therunto apoynted, where suche person or personnes, or other as is aforesayde, they goodes and cattells were set and taxed and vpon playne certificate thereof made in the kynge and quenes maiesties eschequer by the same commissioners, as wel of the dwelling place, names, and summes of the sayde personnes of whom the sayd summes cannot be leuyed and had as is aforesayde, then aswell the constables & other inhabitants appointed for the sayd perticuler collection agaynst the hygh collectours, as the hygh collector vpon his account and oth in the sayde eschequer to be discharged thereof, and proces to be made for the kyng and quenes maiesties out of the sayd eschequer, by the discretiō of the Barons of the sayd eschequer agaynst such person his heires or executours, so beyng behind with his payment, and ouer that the same commissioners to whom anye such declaration of the premises shalbe made in forme aforesayd, from tyme to tyme shal haue ful power & authoritie to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the sayd person or persons charged with anye summe, or for or vpon any such person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any sherrif, steward balif, or other whatsoeuer officer minister, person or persons of such place or places wher any such persō or persons, so owyng such summe or summes shal haue landes & tenements, or other hereditamētis or real possessyons, goods, & cattells wherby any such person or persons so indetted, his heires executours,

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or assignes or of other hauing the custodye, gouernaunce, or disposition of any goodes cattells, lands, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which ought or maye, by thys act lawefully be distreined or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattelles, landes, tenementes, or other possessiones whereof such summe or summes, which by any suche person or personnes maye or oughte to be leuped, be it within the lymyttes of suche commissyon where such person or personnes was and were taxed, or withoute, within anye place wythin thys Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties domynions, marches or territories, by whych precept as wel such person or personnes, as shalbe charged to leupe such monye, as thoffycers of the place or places where such distres maye be taken, shall haue ful power and authoritie to distrayne euerye suche person indetted, charged and chargeable by thys acte, or hys executors or administrators of hys goodes and cattells, hys gardians, factours, deputies, lessees, fermers, and assignes, and all other personnes, by whose handes or oute of whose landes anye suche person shoulde haue rente, fee, annuities, or other profytte, or whiche at the tyme of the sayd assessinges shall haue goodes or cattells or anye other thyng moueable, or anye such person or personnes, beyng indetted or owtynge such summe, and the distresses so taken, caused to be kepte, appayled, and solde, in lyke maner and forme as is aforesayd, for the distresse to be taken upon such person to be taxed to the sayd subsidy, & being sufficient to distraine within the limits of the collectours, inhabitantes, or other officers, charged with or for the same summes so upon them to be taxed. And if any such distres for none payment happen to be taken oute of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leupe the same, the person so charged for the leupe of euerye suche summe by distresse, shall perceaue and take of the sayde distres for the labour of euerye person goynge for the execution thereof, for euery mile that anye suche person so labourerth for the same two pence, and euerye fermoure, tenaunt, gardian, factor, or other whatsoever person, beyng distreyned or otherwyle charged for paymet of any such summe or summes or anye other summes by reasonne of thys acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes of hym or them so leuped and taken, dyscharged and acquitted at hys next daye of paymente of the same, or at the deliuey of such goodes and cattells as he that is so dysstrayned had in hys custodye and gouernaunce agaynst hym or them that shalbe soo taxed and set, anye graunte or wrytyng obligatoye or other whatsoever matter to the contrarie made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if anye suche person that shoulde be so distreyned haue no landes or tenementes suffyciente whereby he or hys tenautes and fermoures maye be distrayned, or hath aloined, aliened, or hid hys goodes and cattells whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in such maner that

that suche goodes and cattelles shal not be knowen oꝛ founde, so that the summe of oꝛ by him to be payd in the sayd fourme, shall ne canne be conuenientlye leuied, then vpon relation thereof vnto the commissyoners, oꝛ to as many of them as by the sayd commissyon shalbe therunto appoynted, where suche person oꝛ persons was taxed and set, by the othes of hym oꝛ them that shalbe charged with the leuy and paymente of that summe oꝛ summes, the same commissioners shall make a precept in such maner as is aforesayd, for to attache, take, & arrest the bodye of suche person oꝛ persons that oughte to paye the sayde summes, and by thys acte shal be charged with and for the sayde summe and summes, and theim soo taken, safelye to kepe in pyson wythin the shyre oꝛ other place, where anye suche person oꝛ persons shal be taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle oꝛ maynecyprce, vntyll he haue payde the same summe oꝛ summes that suche persons for hym selfe oꝛ for anye other by this acte shal be charged oꝛ ought to be charged wythal, and also for the fees of euery such arrest to hym oꝛ them that shall execute suche precepte twenty pence, and that euery officer vnto whome such precepte shalbe directed, do his true dilgence, and execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indetted, vpon payne to forfeyt to the king and Quenes maiesties, for euery default in that behalfe .xx. shyllinges and that no keeper of any gayle, from hys gayle suffer anye suche person to go at large by lettinge to bayle, oꝛ otherwyle to departe oute of hys pyson before he haue payde hys sayd det, and the sayd .xx. pence, for the sayd arrest, vpon payne to forfeyte to the kynge and quenes maiesties, forty shyllinges, and the same gayler to paye vnto the kynge and quenes maiesties, the double value as well of the rate whiche the sayd person so imprysoned was taxed at, as of the sayde .xx. pence for the fees, and lyke processe and remedye in like fourme shall be graunted by the sayd commissioners, oꝛ as many of them as by the sayd comission shalbe therevnto appointed at like information of euery person oꝛ persons, beyng charged with any summe of monye for any other person oꝛ persons, by reason of the sayde Subsedye, and not thereof payd, but wofully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable wythin the limites where such persons were therevnto taxed, and if the summe oꝛ summes beyng behynde vnpayde by anye person oꝛ personnes, as is aforesayd, be leuyed and gathered by force of the sayd proces to be made by the sayde commissioners, oꝛ yf in defaulte oꝛ for lacke of paymente thereof, the person oꝛ personnes so owynge the sayde summe oꝛ summes of money, by proces of the same commissioners to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to pyson in fourme abouesayd, that then the same commissioners whiche shall atwarde such proces, shall make certificate thereof in the sayde eschequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses in the terme nexte folowyng, after suche summe oꝛ summes of monye so beinge behynde



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shalbe leued and gathered, or suche person or personnes for none pay-  
mente of the same committed to prison. And yf it happen anye of the  
sayde collectoures to be assigned, or any mayer, sheryffe, stewart, con-  
stable, the headborough, householder, baylyf, or any other officer or mi-  
nister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayd com-  
missioners or any of them, at the reasonable requeste to them made by  
the sayd commissioners, for execution of the sayd commission, or if anye  
of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shal appertaine  
and belonge to do, by reason of any precept to him or them to be dyre-  
cted, or anye reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or requeste tou-  
ching the premises or other defaulte in any appearaunce or collection  
to make, or if any person beyng suspect, or not, to be indifferently taxed  
as is aforesayd, doo refuse to be examined accordyng to the tenoure of  
thys acte, before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe  
thereunto assigned as is aforesayd, or wyl not appere before the same  
commissioners, vpon warnyng to hym made, or ells make resistance  
or resques vpon any distress vpon hym to be taken, for any percell of the  
sayde Subledye, or committe anye misbehauour in any maner of wise  
contrary to thys act, or committe anye wyful omission or other whatso-  
euer wyfull, not doynge or mysdoynge contrarie to the tenour of thys  
acte or graunt, the same commissioners and euerye number of them a-  
boue remembred, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowlege  
of anye suche misdemenours had by information or examination, shal  
and maye set vpon euery such offender for euery such offence in name  
of a fyne by the same offender to be forseyted. xl. s. or vnder, by the dis-  
cretion of the same commissyoners. And further the same Commis-  
sioners and euery number of them, or two of them at the leaste, shal haue  
auctoritie by thys present acte, to punyssh euery such offender by impri-  
sonment, there to remayne and be deliuered by theyr discretion as shal  
seme to them conuenient, the sayd fynes if anye such be to be certyfied  
by the sayde commissyoners that so assessed the same into the kyng and  
quenes maiesties eschequer, there to be leued and payd by the collec-  
toures of that partes for the sayde Subledye retourned into the sayde  
eschequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde sub-  
ledye, in suche maner, as if the sayde fines had ben set and taxed vpon  
the sayd offenders for the sayd Subledye.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this parliamente, that  
euery of the sayd highe collectoures, whiche shal accompt for any part  
of the sayde Subledye in the sayde Eschequer vpon theyr sayde leue-  
rall accountes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde par-  
liamentes of the sayd Subledye, for euery pounce limited to his collecti-  
on, whereof anye suche collectoure shalbe charged and yelde accompte  
five pence, as percell of theyr charge, that is to saye, of euerye pounce  
therof

therof for such persons as then haue had the perticuler collection in the townes and other places as is aforesaid, specified in his collection two pence, and other two pence of euery pounce thereof, euery of the sayde cheefe collectours theyr accountauntes to retyne to theyr owne vse for theyr labour and charge, in and about the premises, and two pence of euery pound residue to be deliuered, allowed, and payde by the sayd collectours so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the commissioners as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for and aboute the premises, that is to saye, euerye collectoure to paye that commissioner or commissioners whiche had the orderynge of the wytynges, of, and for the sayd Subsidy, where the sayd collectour or collectours had their collection for expences of the sayde commissioner so taken vpon them the sayd busines and labour of theyr clerkes, writinge the sayd preceptes and estreats for the sayd collections, the same last two pence of euerye pound to be deuided amongst the sayde commissioners, hauynge regarde to theyr labour and busynes, taken by thaim or theyr sayd clerkes in and about the premises, for the whiche part so to the commissioners attepyninge, the sayd commissioners, fyve, fyue, fyue, thye, or as manye of them as shall be therunto appointed by the kynge and Quenes maiesties commission, and euery of them ioyntly and leuerally for his and theyr sayd part, may haue his remedy agaynst the sayde collectoure or collectours, which therof ben and might haue ben allowed by action of debte, in the whiche the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, neither inunction, or other essolgnie shall be allowed. And that no person nowe beyng of the number of the compaignie of this present parliament, nor any commissioner, shall be named or assigned to be any collectour or subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde subsidy, or of any parte therof, nor no commissioners shall be compelled to make anye presentment or certificate, other then in the kinge and quenes maiesties said eschequer, of, for, or concerning the sayd subsidy or any part thereof, and likewise that none other person that shall be named or assigned to be commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this act of subsidy, be or shall be assigned or named head collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayd subsidy, neither of any parte thereof. And that euery such person or persons which shall be named and apointed as is aforesaid to be head collectours of the said subsidy, or for any part thereof, & euery of the be & shall be acquitted & discharged of al maner fees rewards, & of euery other charges in the king and Quenes Maiesties Eschequer, or els where, of them or any of them by reason of that collection, paymēt's or accountes, or anye thyng concerninge the same, to be asked, and that yf anye person receaue and take anye fees, rewardes, or pleasures of anye suche accountante, that then he shall forfeit to the kynge and Quenes maiestie, for euery peny or value of peny so taken, twen-

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tye pence, and suffer imprisonment at the king and quenes Maiesties pleasure, and after the taxing and feasyng of the sayde Subledye, as is aforesayde, had and made, and the sayd estreates thereof in parchment vnto the collectours in maner and fourme befoze rehearsed deliuered, the sayde commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this acte, within the limittes of theyr commission, by theyr agreementes, shall haue metynge together, at whiche metynge euerye of the sayde commissioners whiche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of anye parte of the sayde commission, shall by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputye, truelye certifie and bynge forth vnto the sayde commissioners named in the sayde commission, the certificate and presentmente made befoze hym, and suche other Commissioners as were limited with him in one limit, so that the same certificate maye be accounted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission, and then the sayde commissioners and euerye number of them vnto two at the leaste as is aforesayde, yf anye be in lyfe, or theyr executors or administratours of theyr goodes, yf they be then dede, shall ioynthe and seuerallye, as they were deuided within theyr limits, vnder their seales by theyr discretion, make one or seuerall wytynges, indented, conteyninge in it as well the names of the sayde collectours by the commissioners, for such collection and accounte in the eschequer, and paymente in the sayde receypte, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall Summes wytten vnto euerye suche collectoure to receaue the sayde Subledye. And also all fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfeitures, if anye suche by reason of this acte happen to be within the precincte and limite of theyr commission, to be certified vnto the kyng and quenes maiesties sayde eschequer, by the sayde commissioners, in whiche wytinge or wytinges indented so to be certified, shall be playnely declared and expessed, the hole and entyre Summe or Summes of the sayde Subledye, seuerallye limited to the collection of the sayde collectoure, seuerallye deputed and assigned to the collection of the saide Summes, so that none of the sayde collectours so certified in the sayde Eschequer, shall be compelled there to accounte, or to be charged, but onely to and for the Summe limited to his collection, and not to or for anye Summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but that euery of them shall be seuerallye charged for theyr parte limited to theyr collection.

And if the sayd commissioners ioyned in one commission amongst them selves in that matter cannot agre, or yf anye of them be not redye or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commissioners, That then the same commissioners maye make seuerall indentures in fourme aforesayde, of theyr seuerall limittes, or seperations of Collectours, within the limittes of theyr commission, vppon and in the hundredes



Dyedes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or such other like diuisions within theyr sayde seuerall lymyttes of their commysyon, as the places there shall requyre, to be seuered and deuyded, & as to the same commysioners shal seme good to make diuisions of their limits or Collectyons for the seuerall charges of the same Collectoures. So that alwaye one Collectoure shalbe charged and accompte for hys parte to hym to be limited onely by hym selfe and not for anye Summe lymyted to the parte of any of hys felowes, and the charges of euerye of the collectoures to be set and certified seuerally vpon them, and euery such Collectoure, vpon hys accompte and paymente of the Somme of monye lymitted within hys collection to be seuerallye by hym selfe, acquitted and dyscharged in the sayde eschequer, without payinge anye manner fees, or rewardes, to anye personne or personnes for the same, vpon the payne and penalty last abovesayd, and not be charged for anye portion of any other collectoure. And yf anye Commysyoner after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforesayd, shall before anye such commissioner be examined, and the Summes rated and sette and the bookes and wytynges thereof beynge in hys handes, or yf anye collectoure, or other person charged with any receipte of anye parte of the said subbedy, or any other person taxed, or otherwise by this act charged with and for anye percell of the sayde Subbedye, or with anye other Summes, or fynes, amerciamentes, penalty, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the Commissioner Collectoure or other whatsoever person or personnes haue executed accomplished, satisfied, or sufficient ly discharged, that whych to euery such personne shall appertayne or belonge to doo accoꝝdyng to thys acte, then the executours and heires of euery such person, and al other seased of anye landes, or tenementes, that anye such person beynge charged by thys act and deceassing before he be dyscharged thereof, or anye other to hys vse, onelye had of estate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that anye suche personne was named commissioner, collectoure, or otherwise charged with and for anye maner of thinge to be done, satisfied, or payde by reasonne of thys acte, and all those that haue in theyr possessions or handes, anye goodes, or cattells that were to anye suche personne at the tyme of hys death, or any landes, or tenementes, that were the same personnes at the tyme he was as is aforesayd, charged by this act, shalbe by the same, compelled, and charged to do and accomplye in euery case as the same person soo beynge charged should haue done and myght haue bene compelled to do yf he had bene in playne lyfe, after such rate of the landes, and goodes of the sayde commissioner or collectoure as the partye shal haue in hys handes. And yf the sayde Commysyoners for causes reasonable them mouynge shall thynke it not conuenient to ioyn in one certtificate as is beforesayd, then the sayde personne or personnes that shal first come

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together, or he that shal fynde certifie the sayde wrytynge indentyd (as is aforesayde) shall certifie all the names of the commissioners of that commission, wherbyon such wrytynge shalbe there then to be certified. with the diuision of the hundreds, wapentakes, wardes, tithings or other places, to and amonge such commysioners of the same commission where suche seperations and diuysyon shalbe, with the grosse Summes of monye aswell of and for the sayde Subledye, taxed or set of or within the sayde hundreds, wardes, wapentakes, or other places, to hym or them deuyned or assygned, that shall soo certify the said fynde wrytynge, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfeitures, (yf anye happen to be) within the same lymttes, wherof the same wrytynge shalbe certified, and after suche wrytynge indented whiche as is aforesayde, shalbe certified a not conteyne in it the hole and full Summes set and taxed within the lymttes of the same commission, thother commissioners of the same befoze the day of payment of the sayde Subledye, shall certifie into the sayde exchequer, by theyr wrytynge or wrytynge, indented to be made as is aforesayd, the grosse and leuerall Summes set and taxed within the places, to them lymitted, for the sayde Subledye, and other fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfeitures, with the names of the hundreds, wardes, wapentakes, and other places, to them assigned, or ells by theyr sayd wrytynge indented to certifie, at the sayd place befoze the sayd day of payment, suche reasonable causes, for their excuses, whye they maye not make suche certificate of and for the sayde Subledye, whiche fynes amerciamentes, and other forfeitures growinge or sette by reason of the causes of their lettes or of their none certifying as is abouesayd, or ells in defaulte thereof to be made oute of the kyng and quenes maiesties sayde Exchequer, agaynste the sayd commysioners, and euerye of them not making certificate, as is aforesayde, by the dyscreyson of the Tresurer or Barons of the sayde exchequer.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauthoryte aforesayd, that the inhabytauntes of the Parryshe of Saynte Martynne called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the burroughe and towne of Stampforde, in the Southe parte of the water there called welland, whych hereafter shalbe contributoye to the paymente of thys present Subledye, graunted to the quenes maiestic, her heires and successors, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for thys tyme by such commysioners, whych shalbe appoynted for the taxynge, ratyng, and sellynge of such Subledye or tare within the countrey of Lyncolne, and shal be for this tyme contrybutoye, and paye the sayde Subledye, to the collectoure or collectoures, whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuyng and gatherynge of the same, with the aldermen and burges of the said buroughe and towne of Stampfode.

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Þrouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that all and every person and personnes, haupnge manoures, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subledye, graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, by this acte, and also haupnge spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie, by the graunte made by the cleargy of thys Realme, in this their coniugation, and ouer thys haupng substantiunce in goodes, and cattels, chargeable by thys sayd acte, that then yf any of the sayd person or persons be hereafter charged assessed and taxed for the sayde manoures, landes, and tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged & taxed for his or their goodes, or cattells, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of thys acte, for his and their sayde manoures, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or spirituall possessions, or onely for hys sayde goodes, and cattels, the beste thereof to be taken for the quenes Maiestie and not to be charged for both, or double charged for anye of them, anye thyng in thys acte conteined to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

Þrouyded alwayes that thys graunt of Subledye, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabytautes, or dwellers within Ireland, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or anye of them, of or concernynge any manoures, landes, tenementes, or other possessions goodes, cattels, or other moueable substantiunce, whyche the sayd inhabytautes or dwellers or any other to their vse haue within Ireland, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or in anye of them, or of for or concernynge anye fees, or wages, whych anye of the sayde inhabytautes, or dwellers haue of the kynge and quenes Maiesties, for there attendaunce, and doyng serupce to oure sayd soueraygne Lord and Ladye, in Irelande, Jernesey and Garnesey, or in anye of them, anye thyng in this presente acte, to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Þrouyded also that thys present acte of Subledye, ne anye thyng therein conteyned, extende to anye of the Englyshe inhabytautes, or resiautes in any of the countyes of Northumberlande, Cumberland westmerlande, the towne of Barwycke the towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne, and the Bysshopricke of Durham, nor to anye of them, of for or concerninge any manoures, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substantiunce, whyche the same Inhabytautes or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within the sayde countyes of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, westmerlande, or the towne of Barwycke, the towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne, or the Bysshopricke of Durham, or anye of them, or of for and concerning any fees, or wages, whiche anye of the sayde Inhabytautes, or dwellers haue of the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, for their attendaunce and doyng serupce to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, for or with



within the sayde countie of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwyke, the Towne of Newcastell vpon tyne and the Bysshoppyrke of Durham, or anye of them, to or for the sayde tarynge, leuyng, gatherynge or paymente, but that the English inhabytauntes, and resiauntes, and euerye of them, of the said counties Bysshopricke, and townes, and euerye of them, shalbe of and from the sayde Subsedye, and euerye percell thereof, and for their manoures, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattells, lyng and byng in the sayde counties, townes, and Bysshoppyrke, or anye of them vttelye acquitted and discharged. Any thing in thys presente acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

*PROVIDED* also that all letters patentes, graunted by the king or queenes maiestie or anye of her most noble progenitoures, to anye Cyties, Burroughes, or townes, within thys realme, of anye maner liberties, pyuileges or exemptions from the burden and charge of any suche graunt of Subsedyes, whych be at thys present time in force and vayneable, shal remayne good and effectuell, to the sayde Cyties, Burroughes, and townes, hereafter, accordynge to the purportes thereof, though the inhabytauntes of the same, shall vpon the gret and weighty consideration of the graunt aforesayd, be for thys graunt charged and contributory, in like maner, fourme and soyte as other Cyties, burroughes, and townes whych be not in anye wyse pyuileged, be from such graunt of Subsedye excepted.

*PROVIDED* alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no Wyfant or Infant within the age of .xii. yere, boyn within anye of the queenes maiesties Dominions, shalbe charged to anye paymente of thys Subsedye, for hys or her goodes and cattelles, to him or her lefte or bequethed. Anye thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

*PROVIDED* also that thys acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shal extende to the goodes, or landes of anye college, Hall, or Hostel, within the vniuersities of Oxenford, and Cambrydge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the colledge of Wynton founded by Byshope Wykeham, or to the goodes or landes of the college of Eton, nexte Wyndesore, or to the goodes, or Landes, of anye free gramer scoole, within the realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of anye reader, Scholemayster, or scoller, within the sayde vniuersities and colledges, or anye of them, there remaynyng for studie, withoute fraude or couyne, or to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, measondewe or Spirehouse prepared and bled for the sustentation and releyse of pore people. Anye thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

*PROVIDED* also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that  
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forasmuche as diuers and sundye the kynges and Quenes Maiesties tenants and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the countie of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and of the countie palantine of Chester, be at this presente tyme charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers great summes of monye by the name of Wyse, due to their maiesties, accordinge to the seuerall customes of the sayde countie, for the payment whereof diuers and sundye the gentlemen and other the inhabitauntes, be, and stand bounden to theyr highnes. And that also they do remaine yet vnpayde in diuerse of the sayde dominions and countie palantyne, the Subsidye graunted to the kyng and Quenes maiesties.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that this acte of Subsidye, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to charge any of the kyng and Quenes tenants and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde countie of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and the countie palantine of Chester, beyng charged or chargeable with the sayde Wyse, for, or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, graunted to the kyng and Quenes Maiesties by this acte, vntill the seuerall dayes and tymes appointed and agreed for the payment of the sayde Wyse, shall be expired. And likewise the dayes and tymes of the sayde Subsidye lately graunted to oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye be past and expyred. And that then the payment of the sayd Subsidye graunted by this present acte, shall be made at the receipte of the kynges and quenes Eschequer, before the first daye of Marche nexte folowinge, after the dayes appointed for the latter paymente to be made of the sayde wyse, and also of the payment of the sayd former Subsidye.

Furthermoze be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd, that þ tenants and dwellers of euery the sayde countie in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of Penthecost nexte ensuinge, certifie in the sayd court of Eschequer, vnder the seales of two Iustices of peace of euery the sayde countie, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what daye the laste payment of the sayde seuerall misis, now due in any of the sayde countie shall ende and expyre.

Prrouded also, that the sayde graunte of Subsidie, or anye other thinge therein conteyned, doo not in anye wyse extende to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at thys presente tyme, within the fyue portes, or to anye of theyr members, incorporate or vnited to the same fyue portes, or to anye of the same fyue portes, of,

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of for any parte or percell of the sayde **Donnys** graunted in this par-  
liament, of the sayd inhabitauntes no towe ressaunt, or any of them, to be  
rased, let, asked, leuied, or payde, but the sayde inhabitauntes and resi-  
dauntes in the sayde fyue portes, and thei members, be, and shall be, of,  
and from the sayde graunte and paymente of the sayde subsidey during  
thei ressaunce there and no lenger, clearye acquitted and discharged,  
any matter or whatsoeuer thinge in this presente acte had or made to  
the contrary notwithstandinge.

God saue the Kyng and the Quene.

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